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January 2, 2007

## Evergreen Park applies for grant

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance amendment at the Dec. 18 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting pertaining to a chapter and an article of the village municipal code regarding the seizure and impoundment of motor vehicles. A resolution authorizing the village a grant application for the 911 call center renovation project under the infrastructure maintenance fee litigation with CY Pres Committee, which has the authority to make such grants, was also approved.

In 1997 the state enacted the telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee (IMF) Act that authorized a 1-percent fee of the gross charges for wireless retailers. On October 18, 2005, a settlement was approved which required the defendant class members to pay into the settlement fund 70-percent of the amounts collected through the Municipal IMF for wireless telecommunications services and established a three member CY Pres Committee to make recommendations as to how the cy pres grant shall be distributed.

The Police Chief and/or the Fire Chief have the authorization to file a grant application with the Cy Pres Committee on behalf of the village. This application will be submitted jointly with the Villages of Oak Lawn and Bridgeview and the City of Burbank for the renovation of the 911 call center project located in Oak Lawn.



Left to right Oak Lawn Senior Commissioners on the top row are Tom Kill, Dorothy Hunt, Harriet Niemiec. The first row left to right is Council President Marge France, Lillian Miszkiewicz and Ginger Morgan.

## Oak Lawn senior commission is a governing body of the center

Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

The Oak Lawn Senior Commission is one of the governing bodies of the Oak Lawn Senior Center. The Village Trustees, Mayor Heilmann and Clerk Jane Quinlan appoint them. Their goal is to bring vital information to the Center respective to their districts for the many needs of the seniors in the Village.

At the monthly meeting of the minds many issues are discussed. Scheduling of future programs for the Senior Center is a high priority. It is the objective of the Commissioners and

the Senior Center to bring every advantage to the residents of the Village of Oak Lawn. You may meet your Commissioner on the last Thursday of the month at 10am.

At this time you may voice any concern you may have or any suggestion you may have for an activity you wish to see at the Senior Center.

It is time the Oak Lawn Senior Center would like to thank the Village of Oak Lawn. The recent changes at the Senior Center have made life a little easier for those showing signs of aging. By recent changes we are speaking of much more

accessible curbs, more handicap parking and automatic doors to the Senior Center.

When using a walker, wheelchair or cane, the little things seem to turn into huge issues. Every advantage helps those with a disadvantage.

Special thanks go out to Village Clerk Jane Quinlan for her endless efforts, Lynn Krauss, Public Works Director, for his implementation of the projects and Roger Minnis, also of the Public Works Department, who follows through with every project that is tossed his way.

## 2007 Crystal Heart Ball humanitarian award recipient Ron Kittle

Photo: Little Company of Mary's Foundation Executive Director, Mary Jo May, President and CEO, Dennis Reilly, Ron Kittle (Ex Sox) and Crystal Heart Ball Co-Chairs Kathy and Fred Berglund in tour at LCM Hospital.

Ex-Sox Award recipient at LCM's Crystal Heart Ball

Ron Kittle (Ex Sox) is the 2007 Crystal Heart Ball

recipient. The Crystal Ball will be held February 3, 2007. The City Lights Orchestra provided music for dancing. Tickets to the black-tie event are \$275 each. Proceeds benefit the LCM Breast Health Cancer Center. There are various dollar table sponsorships. Call the Hospital foundation 708-229-50066 for more information.

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on  
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## Sunday With Friends Concert: Dois no Choro

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free concert featuring traditional Brazilian music performed by "Dois no Choro 2 p.m.

January 16, 2007  
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Sunday, January 14. Get swept away by the light, soothing and up-tempo sound of choro music, a genre that originated in Brazil during the late 1800s that mixes African rhythms with European dance melodies. Julie Koidin's flute intertwines with Paulinho Garcia's suave vocals and rhythmic guitar to create a perfectly balanced blend

reminiscent of a warm Rio night. The name "Dois no Choro" means "Two in Choro" in Portuguese. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs can be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

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## New Year Signals New Laws Becoming Effective

*Senator Collins has several pieces of legislation  
becoming law on January 1*

SPRINGFIELD, IL – As 2007 approaches, legislation that was passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor this past spring will soon become effective. State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D – Chicago) sponsored several of these bills in the Illinois Senate that on January 1 will effectively become Illinois law. Mortgage fraud, assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren, and community safety were just a few of the issues that Collins fought successfully for in 2006:

Senate Bill 2349 (Collins/Colvin) targets the growing number of illicit businesses called "mortgage rescuers" that fraudulently promise to "save homes" for individuals, but often charge a fee for providing no service or assume the deed to the home, evicting the original owner. Illicit mortgage "rescuers" are known to run one of two deceptive scams at the expense of homeowners. Purchasers offer to buy the home and sell it back to the owner when he or she is financially able to pay, while consultants offer their services in exchange for a fee. Homeowners are often taken advantage of in both instances, either by way of paying the fee and receiving no service in return, or by the loss of their homes entirely after deeding it to the "rescuer" who gave a fraudulent promise to sell it back to them.

Under this new Illinois law, "distressed property purchasers" will be required to provide homeowners a written contract that lays out all of the terms of the sale and clearly states that the home is actually being sold, while "distressed property consultants" will be required to provide homeowners with a written contract spelling out all of the services to be performed.

"During the investigative hearings we held on mortgage fraud, I heard terrible stories about families forced out of their homes by unscrupulous bailout companies," said

Collins. "Now, families won't have to worry about companies that may not be legitimate, and all homeowners should enjoy more security and peace of mind in getting help selling their homes when in financial trouble."

House Bill 4406 (Jones/Collins) will make available a renewable \$1,000 scholarship that will help with tuition and fees for four years of higher education for a student who is in the custody of a grandparent and on Public Aid for a period of at least 12 months preceding application. In addition, students must also graduate high school with a 2.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, receive a recommendation from their principal or other appropriate administrator, and attend a higher education institution in Illinois full-time.

"The practice of grandparents raising their grandchildren is becoming prevalent not only in Illinois where an estimated 213,465 children are living in grandparent-headed households, but throughout our entire country," said Collins. "To provide these children with a college education here in Illinois is something I think is important and rewarding, especially when you look at the skyrocketing cost of college today that these grandparents, many of whom are on fixed incomes, are facing."

House Bill 4446 (Patterson/Collins) came in response to residents of the Park Manor community who were complaining about the large number of halfway houses suddenly springing up overnight in their neighborhood. The new law will require privately operated halfway houses for persons on parole or mandatory supervised release to comply with all local zoning requirements and will aim to provide a more efficient working relationship between private halfway houses and the Department of Corrections regarding the admittance of inmates on parole or mandatory supervised release. Another provision of the law will require that notice shall be given to local law authorities within 48 hours of a person's placement in a halfway house or related facility by the Department of Corrections.

"This law gives municipalities the power to regulate how and where these halfway houses will go and be operated," said Collins. "The provisions of the legislation will not prohibit these private facilities to make last minute changes with the Department of Corrections, but it will certainly provide a disincentive for them to operate in that manner."



## St. Laurence officially opens leadership center

Photo: At the ribbon cutting ceremony that officially opened Saint Laurence High School's New Leadership Center are (L to R) Br. Charles Mc Kenna, representing the Christian Brothers Provincial Leadership Team; Mr. Thomas Ondrla, President St. Laurence, Burbank Mayor Henry Klein, United States Congressman Daniel Lipinski; State Senator Louis Viverito, Mr. Dean Viverito, Treasurer of the Stickney School Trustees; and Mr. James Muting, Principal of St. Laurence. The Leadership Program now has its own space for leadership training on the school campus. The Leadership Center is the south campus for the Leadership Academy, a collaborative effort between St. Laurence and Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire and will provide training workshops in leadership skills in northeastern Illinois. It begins operations June 2007.

## PLOWS Inducts New Slate of Officers and Board Members

At a late fall luncheon, Charles Johnson, Director of the Illinois Department on Aging introduced new officers and board members for the 2006-07 PLOWS. New officers are President: Richard O'Neill, Vice-President: Joseph Marks, Secretary: Rosalie Thompson and Treasurer: Virginia Wrobel. Board members are as follows: Rev. Dr. Wayne Basch, Rev. Glenn Bergmark, Rita Daemicke, Ann Dykstra, Mary Gels, Dorothy Goushas, JoAnn Gruca, Kimberly Kuster, Robert Reidy, Edward Rorison and William Scott.

PLOWS is grateful for the guidance and service the community leaders will provide in the year ahead. PLOWS Council on Aging is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting older people who reside in Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth Townships. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for persons over 60 who are physically, psychologically, and or financially in need and treating these persons and families with dignity, compassion and respect. PLOWS is located 7808 College Drive East Palos Heights. The phone number is 708-361-0219. Office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday thru Friday.

## Military Home Town News

Air Force Senior Airman John S. Klimczak has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

The five-week course is designed to train senior airmen to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communications skills, and profession of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

Airmen are prepared and better equipped to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers.

The school is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Klimczak, an air transportation journeyman with four years of military service, is the son of John S. and N.J. Klimczak of S. Sawyer Ave., Midlothian, Ill.

The airman is a 2002 graduate of Bremen High School, Midlothian.



## Richards announces honor roll for second quarter

Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn proudly announces that the students listed below earned honor roll status for the second quarter of the 2006-2007 school year. Students with a grade point average between 3 and 3.49 qualified for Honor Roll; between 3.5 and 3.99 for High Honors; and, 4.0 or above earned for Honors With Distinction. It is possible to exceed a GPA of 4.0 with weighted grades offered in honors and Advanced Placement courses.

### Honors with Distinction

**Freshmen** - Brian Greco, Rebecca Brown, Jaclyn Louis, James Palarczyk, Gregory Pohrebny, Scott Zacek, Marta Bednarz, Terrence Casey, Jessica Norris, Lauren O'Boyle, Matthew Taylor, Hilary Wind, Julia Boecker, Isadora Calma, Emily Gesell, Steven Kupcekevicius, David Conroy, Natalie Maka, Carleita Traylor, Samantha Wozniak, Timothy Lee, Ana Micu, Veronica Popp, Kelly Neven, Timothy Cosman, Kristen Efantis, Alice Fitting, Eric Ladwig, Michael Schmitz, Ingrid Trimakas, Vincent Williamson, Amanda Wrazien, Catlyn Hicks, Megan Nagy, Raia Hamad, Michael Hudson, Keith Jenkins, Annie Nguyen, Bryan Chiamonte, Joseph Kelly, Thomas March, Daniel Okreglak, Matthew Pacella, Vikas Patel, Brittany Rucin, Kevin Solava, Jennifer Alafnan, Michelle McCurrie, Leslie Miller, David Strahorn, Kevin Vandyke and Timothy Villeroz.

**Sophomores** - Daphne Vargas, Deania Macak, Rebecca Calvillo, Lindsey Skala, Priya Patel, Katherine Brett, Holly Hansen, Kyle Renken, Daniel Tocila, Mary McMillin, James Nowak, Hugh Vondracek, David Cyze, Emily Dvoracek, Emily Larson, Marissa Golliday, Carly Lerner, Jeff Petrick, Firras Al-Taher, Elizabeth Richardson, Claire Sereiko, Meredith Skala, Samantha Murphy, Maha Barakat, Emma Newman, Kaitlyn O'Dekirk, Isabel Ojeda, Natalia Poniatowska, Clare Smith, Steven Denison, Theodore Kuba, Amber Omieckinski, Amanda Pohrebny, Ewa Ryzewska, Patrick Rytko, Peter Danos, Brittany Schleyer, Jonathon Hill and Lindsay McCool.

**Juniors** - Devin Flores, Thomas Klis, Jasser Khairallah, M Roepke, Elizabeth Betsanes, Lauren Holtz, Colleen Hennigan, Joseph Klis, Stephen McDermott, Maribeth Karr, Jessica Palarczyk, Ashley Rampick, Lanita Warner, Nathan Martin, Thomas Crivellone, Michael Dvoracek, Amanda McCurrie, Michael Keeney, Krystian Chmiel, Jordan Reyes, Rocio Clara, Paris Flores, Christina Rook, Danica Dzipkovic, Eileen Kennedy, Victor Ojeda, Aaron Weibel, Samantha Gierut, Eliud Gonzalez, Jessica Thiel, Chau Truong, Erika Flores, Lara Jafilan, Adam Lindquist, Ann Paolisso, Krystal Kobylarczyk, Brian Leicht, Stephen Galdek, Artur Lach, Thomas Quinlan, and Benjamin Szafoni.

**Seniors** - Sarah Brett, Stacy March, Daniel Spedale, Elizabeth Hudson, Jennifer Collins, Ryan McMillin, Lina Bourjas, Kathleen Biernaciak, Sonam Tanna, Melissa Taylor, Matthew Erickson, Amanda Hanks, Gabriela Maka, Jonathan Dove, Bart Wdowka, Mateusz Machaj, Brittany LeBeau, Jaclyn Kaczmarek, Kevin Lee, Nicole Lesh, Sarah Zahlmann, Eugenia Gavrilos, Mentor Shala, Timothy Morrissey, Matthew Mudon, Nikolas Koulogeorge, Katherine Druktenis, Michael Piane, Liz Gonzalez, Brian Dennis, Egle Bucinskaite, Stephanie Busch, Cassandra McNeilly, Kathryn Miller, Sarah Quintos, Kaycee Sakal, Katherine Kennedy, Ramzi Jafilan, Aurora Melnyk, Scott Hanks, Brian Hanks, Jeffrey Wycislak, Adrian Zolkos, Natalija Dzipkovic, Erica Bartley, Kyle Ryan, Nicole Barrett, Katy Short, Jennifer Thiel, Jose Medina, Ashley Taylor, Adam Newman, Jonathon Radecki, Rebecca Garner, Matthew Weibel, Justin Petrick, Michael Machen, Brendan Styler, Bassam Assaf, Emily Brankin, Justyna Ryzewska, Alexandra Moreno, Ashley Szykowny, Jonathan Basinski, Brian Valenti, Shoshan Handy, Mike Luhinski, Jennifer Galvan, Sueha Marou, Bryan Roberts and Sierra Shelby.

### High Honors

**Freshmen** - Laurynas Berzonskis, Harry Gatton, Sabrina Said, Amanda Copps, Joseph Hennigan, Veronica Ledesma,

Denis Mitchell, Candace Rores, Karly Haseltine, Rebecca Leslie, Courtney Rogers, Matthew Balouris, Dana Bickham, Martasia Jones, Nicole Jones, Atif Mirza, Majdi Raziak, Amy Cwiklinski, Sabrina Jawan, Michael Jensen, Haleema Ahmad, Carolyn Clifford, Molly Flynn, John Hannah, Bartlomiej Hera, Youngjin Kim, Sven Pearson, David Stepanek, Clinton Johnson, Zaid Joudeh, Stephen Merva, Allison Misale, Jesus Perez, and Jonathan Ryan.

**Sophomores** - Feras Alhourani, Mike Gacek, Carli Immordino, Jessica Mazur, Justin Merkys, Ashley Tenerelli, Amani Assria, Robert Bandemer, Rosario Clara, Danielle Dace, John Francis, Randell Hartell, Patricia Loher, Islam Jaber, Sarah Louis, Megan Moss, Nathaniel Smith, Carl Busch, Sarah Cartagena, Carlie O'Toole, Sylvia Roberson, Katie Schwarz and James Wallace.

**Juniors** - David Byczek, Marco Hernandez, Amanda Jones, Salah Khazneh, Melanie Melendez, Ellen Miller, Eric Munoz, Ashley Edwards, Julio Villafuerte, Joshua Hardie, Molly Ruthenberg, Roberto Frias, Courtney Dickens, Matthew Herbold, Rachel Mills, James Murray, Brittney Riley, Christian Roque, Jasmine Simmons, Alan Siska, Christina Zloza, Monica Startck, Amber Atkinson, Tenisha Freeman, Carly Heiser, Bianca Marcell, Keydra McKnight, Bryn Sabadosa, Markie Walztoni, Drew Ward, Desiree Williams, David Hettiger, and Rabi Tadros.

**Seniors** - Tom Gacek, Rachel Corwin, Ashley Sorensen, Aurimas Vilkas, Daniel Siss, Atieh Elbu, Kelly Ross, Josephine Caplinger, Colleen Francis, Michaela Gilboy, Erin Dugan, Jasmine Jamerson, Agne Mickute, Melissa Tapia, Timothy McCracken, Cynovia Potts, Ta'Queenia Spruiell, Kristen White, James Dynes, Michalina Hawryla, Samantha Teoro, Alyn White, Jessica Greene, Daniel Flood, Elvia Rubio, Lukasz Wojnicz, Michal Ogrodnik, Rebecca Duran, Brianna Johnson, Aleksandra Gacek, Nicole Hagen, Marisa Isaacs, Ashley Bogard, Amy Boyer, Abigail Brooks, Steve Crowe, Gregory Fusco, Jason O'Boyle, Dominic Ortigara, Lina Rackauskaite, Scott Rendell, Christina Rogers, Nalisa Suksombuti, Joseph Vitek, and Vytaute Zubavicius.

### Honor Roll

**Freshmen** - Jessica Frederick, Joshua Hoppenrath, Austin Lebeau, Katelyn Metz, Jake Stone, Jennifer Werner, Dominique Carrington, Taylor Lunn, Jacob Sakal, Joseph Warwick, Ashleigh Mejsztrik, Amber Cross, Nicolette Gierut, Katherine Juszczyk, Kelly Koronkiewicz, Stephanie Molina, Nathan Opas, Brandi Phillips, Patryk Poniatowski, Bradley Salis, Maiisha Thomas, Elizabeth Nemece, Travis Delisle, Molly Hanks, Mohammed Joudeh, Rosabel Carino, Maria Delgado, Jasmine Dumas, Demi McNichols, Rana Mustafa, Jennifer Ruiz, Megan Sorensen, Andrew Cozen, Jordan Perez, Lissette Soberanis, Sarah Amato, Mohamed Hussein, Aisha Jubeh, Alexis Koliopoulos, Natalie Martinez, Ryan Meyer, Matthew Rudnick, Anthony Villanova and John Yanko.

**Sophomores** - Rebecca Flanagan, Jerome Freeman, Katya Halyan, Hoang Hoang, Maria Karpisiak, Tim McKeough, Sophia Mirza, Priscilla Rivera, Stephanie Gatton, Raad Hattar, Kayla Milashoski, Elizabeth Saathoff, Brianna Segura, Rebecca Williams, Carl Ross, Ryan Smith, Jessica Dudas, Jessica Gunderson, Michelle Haynes, Shannon House, Melanie Janeteas, Alexis Mayorga, Dan Merchantz, Cydney Vaughn, Robert Fitzgibbon, Luis Beltran, Tequilla Clinton, Lauren Brickman, Katie Ferguson, Evelyn Harder, Roberto Hoppenrath, Darrice Huey, Kelli Leilker, Naheel Shehadeh, Porsche Small-Grant, Vincent Vitek, Daniel Morales, Nina Atwater, Kelly Bocock, Elizabeth Brooks, Tara Crot, Anisha Hicks, Quinetta Hobson, Yazan Hussein, Joshua Kawa, Caitlin McCoy, Sean McLoughlin, Mahmud Mohammad, Roman Ogrodnik, Randy Peterson, Victoria Reyes, Pawel Skrabacz, Samantha Wesolowski and Mariah Williams.

**Juniors** - Shyvonn Adams, Edgar Gonzalez, Jessica Hattar, Juraj Hudacek, Alexander Hurley, Kevin Lee, Amanda Melendez, Elizabeth Merida, Sameria Nakhleh, Kris Nikrodhanond, Sabreen Razik, Natalia Zakarzewski, Sammy Olayan, Adnan Saleh, Mary Shipanik, Tiffany Wells, Darnell Wilderness, Brian Piszczek, Megan Reppen, Britney Burks, Michael Eastman, Alia McAfee, Rebecca McCoy, Robert Moss, Megan O'Brien, Lavon Powell, Mariano Rebollar, Sharod Taylor, Ryan Windt, Christine Wojnarowski, David Bailey, Donte Kelly, Rafael Moreno, Michael Lopez, Bar-

bara Biernaciak, Matthew Gesell, Heather Tokarz, Cara Feltz, Jeremy Kappel, Nicholas Mitchell, Kefah Muhisen, Wesley Szperlak, Pawel Kioltyka, Mayra Murillo, Hedaia Ahmad, Shadi Alafnan, Tori Basso, Darsandra Brown, Sara Dodge, Saddam Elbu, Amanda Englund, Aneta Klus, Nichole Korpitz, Shenise Laney, Christopher Paciga, Jacklyn Rosario, Michal Slys, Tommie Thomas, Rebecca Valadez and Jose Vazquez.

**Seniors** - Monier Amirilari, Josiah Hampton, Christopher Kemp, David Mircea, Hazem Muhisen, Brittany Arrington, Ashley Alzoubi, Travis Ball, James Cummings, Jeff James, Channele McGee, David Mitchell, Sarah Schering, Efsthios Silionis, Tequila Moore, Mohammad Ahurizeg, Kenneth Elliott, Fernando Godinez, Dhafer Ashkar, Amy Barrett, Nicole Costello, Melissa Drozdowski, Brittany Haim, Shenequa Hamilton, Kevin McCool, Jenna Scinto, Jaclyn Stuber, Bruce Colby, Truong Nguyen, Daniel Walkosz, Nuha Affaneh, Dana Ahern, Jennifer Padilla, Aaron Brown, Natalia Gallardo, Ashley Gordon, Vyktas Jucius, Raghad Saadoun, Janelle Brown, Katie Flynn, Ashley Lopez, Gabriela Zavala, Majdi Alassaf, Joyaa Cole, Tim Ferguson, Saleh Hasan, Cordell Haynes, Taylor Haynes, Lamario Jones, Sarah Leharre, Ashley Luchene, David Malcolm, Mohammed Masoud, Anthony Massey, Ashley Myers, Ashley Smith, Keith Smith, Steven Smith, Pawel Stroz, Doug Stuhlmiller, Markell Thrasher, Anthony Tornatore, and Nicole Vazquez.

## Useful Tips on Getting Extra Help With Prescription Drugs

By John Flynn  
Social Security District Manager

Will you be applying this year for the extra assistance available to help pay premiums, deductibles and co-pays under the Medicare Prescription Drug Program? If you are a Medicare beneficiary with limited income and resources, you should consider it - you may be able to get extra help paying for prescription drugs.

If your annual income is below \$14,700 for an individual (\$19,800 for a married couple living together), and your resources are limited to \$11,710 for an individual (\$23,410 for a married couple living together), you may qualify for extra help with your monthly premiums and deductibles. Keep in mind that a slightly higher income limit will be determined in early 2007.

If you plan to apply for the extra help, the easiest and most convenient way is to go online. Just visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/> and select the "Apply for help" link. You also can apply over the phone by calling us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Or, if you prefer to complete the paper application yourself, you can call the same number to request one to be mailed to you, or stop by your local Social Security office to pick one up. If you already received an application in the mail more than a few months ago, you should request a new form.

It is important to make sure you correctly complete the application. If there are any mistakes in the application it could cause delays while we contact you to get an answer.

The handy "tips" below can help make sure that you complete the application correctly and get a response as quickly as possible.

- You must include your Social Security number or Railroad Retirement Board number on the application. And please be sure that you have written these numbers correctly.

- Many questions on the application ask you to mark an "X" in a Yes or No box. Please remember that you cannot mark both Yes and No.

- Because computers will scan your application when you send it back to Social Security, it is important to use a pen with black ink, or a #2 pencil. Pens with blue or red ink, or pencils with lead other than #2, will not be read by the computer.

- Remember to send the entire application package back to us - not just the page that you signed.

- Do not send us anything except your application. We do not need to see doctor bills, prescription lists, IRS forms or other documents.

You can find more information about the extra help online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), and more information about the Medicare Prescription Drug Program at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). If you do not have access to the Internet you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for more information.



## Americans are dropping the ball when It comes to health exercise

More than half of Americans agree that it's a struggle to exercise regularly—according to a monumental study commissioned by Cooking Light, the world's leading food and healthy life-style magazine. Conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media, Cooking Light Insight 2007 investigates healthy living in the United States, where nearly one-third of adults are obese and 64.5 percent are considered overweight. The findings reveal the methods and motives of those who have achieved a healthful balance and those who are still struggling to do so, and provide insight into how America has changed since the 2003 Cooking Light Insight study.

### Fitness Flunkouts

In a country where the majority of adults are overweight—and just 22% say living healthful comes naturally to them—healthy living has become a major focus of attention. Americans appear to be learning and changing their problem behaviors—except one. Even as Americans make efforts to improve their diet, exercise seems to have fallen by the wayside.

Despite nearly half of Americans feeling satisfied with their physical fitness (47%), only 6% get 30 minutes of exercise a day—the amount recommended by the USDA. In addition, more respondents struggle to exercise regularly today than in 2003: 54%, up from 33%. Using simple techniques to physically enhance everyday activities has also seen a decline:

- Only 19% of American adults walk or bike instead of taking transportation (39% in 2003);

- 41% take the stairs whenever possible (49% in 2003).

**Heart Care Center of Illinois** 33% regularly park their cars farther from their destination to get in extra walking (32% in 2003).

### Health IQ: Sorting the Facts from the Fiction

Why are Americans failing to exercise? The Cooking Light Insight study reveals that lack of knowledge may be a factor. Today, 89% of American adults feel knowledgeable about what it takes to live a healthy life-style, but their Health IQ demonstrates this is more fiction than reality.

When asked a series of 15 questions about healthy living, most Americans get an F\*—mainly as a result of getting questions on exercise and physical fitness wrong. In fact:

- Only 1% of Americans gets an A;
- 6% get a B;
- 8% get a C;
- 30% get a D; and
- 52% get an F.

While Americans are stumped on questions about exercise and physical fitness, they prove to have a better handle on food and diet information. For example, less than half (45%) of Americans know that in order to lose 1 pound, you must burn 3,500 calories more than you eat; and nearly nine in 10 (86%) feel the USDA recommends 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity 3 to 4 days a week, when in actuality the USDA recommends 30 minutes of vigorous activity every day. Alternatively, eight in 10 (81%) understand that fatty acids, like those found in fish, are healthy for you, while seven in 10 (71%) know that fruit yogurt is not always a low calorie food.

### Positive Steps toward Better Health through Diet

According to Cooking Light Insight study results, Americans are more knowledgeable about nutrition and healthful eating than in the past. Today, 70% believe they understand enough about nutrition and health to make healthful eating decisions—and many have traded in bad habits for more healthful ones. For example:

- 70% of American adults drink lower fat milk instead of whole milk (52% in 2003);

- 59% eat chicken with the skin off (41% in 2003);

- 54% take vitamins (37% in 2003);

- 52% use lower fat alternatives when cooking (44% in 2003); and

- 51% read nutrition labels on food (43% in 2003).

In addition, Americans are much more likely than in 2003 to feel they can balance healthy eating without sacrificing their favorite foods (48%, up from 28% in 2003).

### Making Progress Affects Overall Outlook

The majority of Americans (76%) recognize that making small healthy improvements in life-style today can lead to big benefits later on. That attitude extends beyond health, and most Americans have started various activities to better themselves. Over the past 12 months:

- 58% of American adults are eating better;

- 57% are paying off debt (the activity they made the most progress in);

- 56% are spending more time with people they care about;

- 52% are spending more time with family and friends; and

- 52% are organizing their home.

Making real progress in one particular area has greatly improved their overall outlook on life—20% say a lot, and 84% say at least a little—and 39% agree that making progress in one area of life helps them to start making progress in others.

This mail study was conducted for Cooking Light magazine by RoperASW among a national sample of 1072 adults 18 or older. The surveys were collected from September 12 through October 10, 2006. The sample was weighted by demographic factors including age by gender, education and census region to ensure reliable and accurate representation of adults in U.S. households. Results based on the entire sample of 1072 adults are projectable to the entire adult population in the United States, with a sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results based on subgroups have a larger sampling error.

### About Cooking Light

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Cooking Light ([www.cookinglight.com](http://www.cookinglight.com)) is the nation's largest food and fitness magazine. Each month, more than 11 million readers turn to Cooking Light and [cookinglight.com](http://cookinglight.com) for innovative recipes, nutrition advice, and food and fitness tips that inspire them to live by the Cooking Light philosophy: eat smart, be fit and live well.

A leader in life-style information, Southern Progress Corporation publishes Southern Living, Cooking Light, Health, Coastal Living, Southern Accents, Cottage Living, Progressive Farmer, and Sunset magazines, and books through Oxmoor House, Leisure Arts, and Sunset Books. It also operates a direct-selling division, Southern Living At HOME. Southern Progress is a Birmingham-based subsidiary of Time Inc.

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Headquartered in New York, GfK Custom Research North America is part of the GfK Group. With home offices in Nuremberg, Germany, the GfK Group is among the top-five market research organizations in the world. Its activities cover five business divisions: Custom Research, Retail and Technology, Consumer Tracking, Media, and Healthcare. In addition to 13 subsidiaries in Germany, the GfK Group has more than 130 subsidiaries and affiliates in over 70 countries. \*Each respondent's score was calculated by dividing the number of correct answers to the 15 items by the total number of responses (removing any no answers).

## A Wrong Number Can Delay Your Tax Return

By John Flynn  
Social Security District Manager

If you expect a refund on your federal taxes, you can avoid a delay by making sure all names and Social Security numbers are recorded correctly on your tax return.

When processing tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks all names and Social Security numbers for accuracy. When IRS discovers an incorrect Social Security number on your tax return, they send you a letter explaining the discrepancy. To fix the problem, you'll need to give IRS the correct Social Security number before you can expect your tax refund.

If you don't have a number or you need one for a dependent, call or visit Social Security. You'll need to show your age, citizenship or lawful alien status, and verify your identity. To learn more about the sort of information and documents you may need to submit, visit Social Security's Card and Number website at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.

You should also check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement and pay stubs to make sure it matches the one on your card. If it does not match, tell your employer immediately and also contact Social Security.

Visit Social Security's website at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/> to learn more about Social Security cards and numbers. You also can visit your local Social Security office, or call 1-800-772-1213. For the deaf and hard of hearing, the TTY number is 1-800-325-0778.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirly



### Welcoming in a New Year!

kathywhirly@yahoo.com

I know I'm not alone in wondering just where the year 2006 has gone. It does seem like only yesterday that we raised our glasses in a toast to a brand new year - how could we now be saying good bye already? Maybe it's the fact that when you get older time seems to fly by that much faster, I don't know. But, I do know that at the end of each year there are reminders that things don't change all that much, no matter what the calendar says.

Take for instance resolutions. How many of us will glance down at expanded waistlines and vow to lose the weight once and for all? That always seems to be my number one promise to myself that is always broken by mid January, or until the first pizza of the year is ordered.

Working out is another resolution that's pledged, for the new year, but the most exercise some of us get is running our mouth with our good intentions for better health.

Yes, these years are flying by so fast and with each year's passing there's a hope of new beginnings; of new figures or better jobs, or whatever we hope will bring us success.

As the festivities begin to usher in the bright eyed wonder of 2007, I've been giving some thought to just what will bring me some meaning and purpose for the coming months ahead.

I recently read a beautiful piece I had filed away long ago. It seems to speak to what's been on my mind lately.

I thought maybe you'd enjoy its sentiments as well. The author is unknown but the message is timeless.

The story is told of a man and his son who are walking on a mountain when the son slips and falls, hurts himself, and screams, "AHHHH!" To his surprise he hears a voice repeating the sound, somewhere on the mountain. He yells, "Who are you?" He receives the answer, "Who Are You?" Angered at the response, the son screams: "Coward!" He receives the answer: "Coward!"

The father smiles and tells the son to pay attention. He then yells to the mountains: "I admire you!" The voice answers: "I admire you!" The father then yells: "You are a champion!" The voice answers: "You are a champion!"

The father then attempts to explain it to his confused son. He tells the son that what people call an echo is really life. It gives you back everything you say and do. Our lives are simply a reflection of our actions.

If you want more love in the world then create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, then improve your competence.

This applies to all aspects of our lives. Life will give you back everything you have given to it.

On that note, I think I'm going to concentrate on this wise advice as I toast another new year and check my list of resolutions. Kindness, caring and sharing our hearts may be positive steps we can take to keep our perspectives positive and productive, in anything we do.

May you be blessed with success and happiness this coming year and always remember that, with the echo of life, you get what you give.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~**

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.  
(Benjamin Franklin.)

## Moraine Valley offers adult learner informa- tion sessions

If you're an adult considering college, but concerned how you'll fit in classes around your family, job, and other responsibilities, Moraine Valley can help.

Moraine Valley offers daytime, evening, weekend, one-day-a-week, directed study, and short-term classes that can be planned around even the busiest schedules. The college's neighborhood extension sites may offer classes that are even closer to home than its main campus. Still a tight fit for your schedule? Moraine Valley also offers classes on DVD, online classes that can help you earn credit from the comfort of your own home, or fast-track degree programs that allow you to earn a degree in as little as 18 months.

Moraine Valley offers adult information sessions throughout the spring semester. Sessions will be held the following Wednesdays at 6 p.m., in Moraine Room 4, located on the second floor of the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills:

- \* Wednesday, January 10
- \* Wednesday, January 17
- \* Wednesday, February 21
- \* Wednesday, March 21
- \* Wednesday, April 18
- \* Wednesday, May 23

The audience for these sessions will include a combination of returning adults who have never stepped foot onto a college campus, adults who are in a career transition and adults who have taken classes at the college but have not pursued a degree. These events are free to the public and offered for those who are interested in getting a sense of the college scene before committing to college coursework.

During the sessions, college staff will discuss details about the college and the benefits of a college education. Career programs and degrees are explained and contrasted in detail, as well as programs and resources offered to low-income adults, displaced workers, or women returning to the workplace. The information sessions will conclude with a question-and-answer session, and individual counseling for those who request it. Opportunities to apply for admission also are available. Refreshments will be served.

Student success is the top priority at Moraine Valley, and the college offers many means to that end. The college houses a Children's Learning Center for students with young children, and the small class sizes and highly qualified faculty and staff will ensure that students get the attention they need.

For more information, call Moraine Valley's Admissions Office at (708) 974-5355, or c-mail [admissions@morainevalley.edu](mailto:admissions@morainevalley.edu).

## Oak Lawn Senior Happenings Schedule

The Oak Lawn Senior Center located in the heart of town has many recreational activities including bridge, canasta, movies, pinochle, rummikub, line dancing and day trips. Health screenings and exercise programs are also available. Monthly, a variety of additional programs are added. The Senior Center is open from 8:30am to 5pm and located 5330 W 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Upcoming special activities include the following: Income Tax Preparations: beginning January 29<sup>th</sup> for income tax assistance for Oak Lawn seniors. Before calling have all pertinent information. (Documents needed Social Security statement, interest and dividend statements, Real Estate property tax bill for 2006 and last year's tax return) Volunteers are trained by IRS and can prepare simple tax forms. Call 708-499-0240 for appointment.

On Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am a representative from Residential Loan Centers of America will be at the Center to make a presentation on Reverse Mortgages. Information will be provided to help one understand how a reverse mortgage may help you improve the quality of your life. On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am a speaker from the Cook County State's attorney's Office will present a short seminar on vulnerability to specific types of criminal activity. It will give knowledge to protect oneself, and have tools for a more productive life. On Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am the last Thursday of every month is Box lunch day. The sponsor of this is the Morningside Group. They create premier residential and mixed-use communities in urban Midwest. They are a leader in design and construction of highly acclaimed condominiums. They provided successful Arbor court on 96<sup>th</sup> street and will present their newest condo development, Prairie Town Center that will be located at 9530 South Cook Avenue. Box lunch cost is \$3 and Morningside will present information. Space is limited so purchase a ticket at the Center by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is ham, potatoes au gratin, corn and a roll. Bingo is after the presentation. For more information or assistance, call 708-499-0240. You can pick a schedule of activities and movies also.

## Volunteers Honored by Area Clubs and Organizations

At a recent luncheon time was set aside to recognize the contributions made by senior volunteers to the community. This year twenty-six volunteers from various organizations or senior clubs were honored by PLOWS for service. The honored volunteers and their affiliate are listed below:

Irene Baranowski St Louis deMonfort Seniors, Randy Cox Lemont Township, June Davia Palos Community Hospital, Dorothy Doornek Sacred Heart Fun Club, Gilbert Druker Lions Club Evergreen Pk., Thelma A. Gimes Bridgeview Health Center, Terri Hacker Lenont Township, Lois Kaminski Green Hills Public Library, Anita Kieca Hickory Hills Senior Club, Ed Klimasz Palos Hills Community Resources, Ruth Klimasz Palos Hills Community Resources, Clorinda Lopez Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Ben Marcantoni New Horizon Senior Club, Maric Mateja Orland Township, Greg Nicklas Lemont Township, Rick Orr Palos Township, Charles Polke Our lady of the Woods Seniors, Catherine, "Kay" Risatti Evergreen Park Senior Citizen Council, Clara Rock Little Company of Mary Hospital, George Van Johnson-Phelps VFW, Jack Van Hatte Oasis For The Visually Impaired, Dorothy Walton Bridgeview Healthcare Center, Noreen Witt Trinity Senior Fellowship Group, Clem Wolak Hickory Hills Senior Task Force, Helen Zellmann Evergreen Park Office of Senior Citizens' Service

A saying by Donald Gale is "A pessimist, they say sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees that same glass as half full. But a Giving Person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty. Congratulations to all caring seniors!"

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### Physic Predictions

For all Signs for January 2, 2007 - Happy New Year! I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to [TheDailyPsychic.Com](http://TheDailyPsychic.Com) & [AstroXtras](http://AstroXtras) & also visit [JackiMari.Com](http://JackiMari.Com), and be sure to [TelaFriend](http://TelaFriend)

Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: You should be feeling happier, healthier and richer soon. Gemini, Virgo, and Pisces help.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: There is a sense of personal growth and a feeling of accomplishment. Leo born help, ask.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: You might find yourself wanting to expand a business or starting up a new one.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: This is a year to mend all broken relationships. You have what it takes to succeed.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You could be meeting your true soul-mate very soon. Spruce up and be at your best.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You can't unsay or undo anything you ever said or did. Start over! Gemini aid.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Are past mistakes bothering you? Look at what you have learned from them? Go forward

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: forgiving others and the self is what's needed.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: You might find lady luck is your shadow this week. Trust your hunches, feelings and dreams.

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Classes on Developing your own Psychic Ability & Self-Healing starting Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. It'll be good! Call us for more info. For 1 or 2 questions you can go online to [ePSYCHICAnswers @ JackiMari.Com](http://ePSYCHICAnswers@JackiMari.Com); Psychic House Parties are fun and informative (Host/Hostess can be free). Call 708-597-5866 for information.

Mini-Psychic Sessions Jan 15<sup>th</sup> at The Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] from 7 pm. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Aisle Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only]. Most Sessions can be done by phone. Available for Speaking Engagements.

#### Psychic Insights

#### Questions and Psychic Answers

#### 2007 A "Git-r'-Done" Year

Think about all those things you have always wanted to do, or, about what you really want to accomplish in 2007. Now, demand, yes demand of yourself that you will "git-r'-done" in 2007 and you know what? You will! Whether you realize it or not you have been doing this year after year. Make a list, or tell someone you really care about as to what you want to do in 07. They'll be happy to remind you of what you told them, believe it. Getting things done is a great or good feeling, a something we all experience when we can say, "I did it!" 2007 singles down to a #9 year. The #9 says, "git-r'-done!"

## Hometown News

Army National Guard Pvt. Olivia Rivera has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of John Rivera of S. Meade Ave., Burbank, Ill.

Rivera is a 2004 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

## Library Seeks Input from Teens

Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Oak Lawn Public Library Teen Advisory Board the third Wednesday of each month at 7-8 p.m. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. Upcoming meeting dates are: January 17 and February 21. No registration required. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 708-422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

## Getting Organized for the New Year

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free lecture on "Getting Organized for the New Year" 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 17. First-come, first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

Pamela Colovos of Organizing Solutions will share tips to help you reduce stress, save time and money, manage your papers more efficiently and keep your home and workspace free of clutter. Learn how to employ new tools, tricks and methods to stay on top of everything in your busy personal and professional lives.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Saturday Soccer/ Monday Night Soccer

The Hickory Hills Park District offers recreational soccer leagues beginning in January. First and Second graders game times will be 1:30 or 2:30 on Saturday. Third to Fifth graders play on Monday nights; 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Both leagues will play at Krueger Park Rec. Center. For additional information, call the park district office at 598-1233. Resident: \$25; Non-Res.: \$30.

Tumblebears Gymnastics The Hickory Hills Park District is offering a variety of gymnastic and cheerleading programs designed for young children ages 1 to 12 years. Call the park district at 598-1233 for additional information or visit our website at

[www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org).

#### Shooting Stars

Let your 6 -10 year old develop basketball skills while having fun in this 7-week class at Krueger Park Rec. Center. Classes are held on Tuesdays, January 9 - February 20 from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. Simple drills will

familiarize participants with passing, dribbling, shooting and the basic rules of the game. Resident: \$29; Non-Resident: \$34.

#### After School - Open Gym

The Hickory Hills Park District will hold After School - Open Gym, January 8 through April 4 at Krueger Park Rec.

Center from 3:45 til 5:15 p.m. 4 - 7 year olds attend Mondays; 8 - 11 year olds attend Wednesdays. Pay at the door: Resident: \$1; Non-Resident: \$2.

For more information, please call 708-598-1233 or visit our website at [www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org).

## Get Help Quickly In An Emergency

(NAPSA)-In an emergency, every second counts. Research supports the commonsense notion that getting prompt help makes surviving an emergency more likely. That's important for America's rapidly growing senior citizen population. In this country, the percentage of people 65 and older is projected to grow faster than any other age group. In fact, 26 states are projected to double their 65-and-older populations between 2000 and 2030. That's the age group that accounts for three out of four deaths in the United States. In addition, one in three senior citizens fall each year, and seniors are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than they are for injuries from all other causes combined. For elderly people who live alone, becoming incapacitated and unable to get help is a common event that usually marks the end of their ability to live independently. Fortunately, the ability to get help raises the chances that a senior will continue to live independently. The longer a person spends helpless, the greater the likelihood that he or she will be discharged into supportive care. After a fall or other emergency, 90 percent of people who get help within one hour will continue independent living, but after 12 hours without help, only 10 percent of people will continue to live at home. Now it's possible for a senior citizen anywhere at home to reach local 911 dispatchers-not a centralized national call center-anytime, immediately,

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## Movie listing

(CHICAGO, Dec. 22, 2006) The following movies will be screened at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago (111th Street south on Western Avenue) during January. Films are screened on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$7 (\$5/BAC members). Free parking. 773-445-3838 or [www.beverlyartcenter.org](http://www.beverlyartcenter.org)

**Driving Lessons** (UK, 2006). PG 13. RT: 98 minutes. Wed., Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m. In this rite of passage comedy Ben (Rupert Grint) spends a dreary school holiday with his overbearing mother (Laura Linney) and mild mannered vicar father attending bible classes, having driving lessons with his mother and helping out at a local old people's home. Ben's world is turned upside down when he's employed by an eccentric retired actress, Evie (Julia Walters).

**Mrs. Worthington's Party** (US, 2006). Chicago Premiere. PG 13. RT: 103 minutes. Wed., Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. A cold, impatient Catholic priest arrives in a tiny fishing village the week before Christmas to do what he does best: shut down a dying parish. But things take an unexpected turn as he becomes entangled in the

various lives of the village's eccentric characters and the magical experience of Mrs. Worthington's legendary Christmas Party, where everyone is welcome and anything is possible.

**Off the Black** (US, 2006). R — language and mature themes. RT: 90 minutes. Wed., Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. A high-school baseball pitcher (Trevor Morgan) is caught (at gun-point) TPing the house of a surly umpire (Nick Nolte). At first, the umpire simply wants the student to clean up the mess, but then he decides he wants the teen to pose as his son at his upcoming 40th high school reunion. The idea grows on the high schooler whose relationship with his own father (Timothy Hutton) is strained. Morgan is an engaging and natural young actor and Nolte's gruff persona works well with Morgan's guarded melancholy and subtle humor.

**Wondrous Oblivion**. (UK, 2004). PG 13. RT: 106 minutes. Wed. Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. The Wisemans are a traditional Jewish family living in suburban 1960s England. 11-year-old David dreams of becoming a cricket star, but he is just not very good. Enter the Samuels; the lively Jamaican family who move in next door and

unexpectedly change the Wiseman's lives for the better. When the Samuels erect a cricket net in their backyard, David is in seventh heaven. But, this is the 1960s and racial tensions are high; the Samuels are not welcomed by all and the Wisemans find themselves forced to choose between aligning with the prejudices of the neighborhood or sticking by their new friends.

**Requiem**. (Germany, 2006). NR — mature adult themes. RT: 89 minutes. Wed., Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. An epileptic girl suffers a breakdown during her first year at university, then decides to seek help from a priest in battling the troubles associated with her strict upbringing. Based on the true story of Anneliese Michel, a 23-year-old student who died of starvation after an exorcism in Miltenberg, Germany in 1976.

The Beverly Arts Center is a regional not-for-profit facility that provides fine arts programming and education. Transportation: Metra Rock Island (Beverly Branch) to 111th Street Station then west to Western on 111th Street CTA bus. South Western Avenue Pace buses: 49A and 349.

## Willowbrook Ballroom Dances and Classes

**Week of January 22 - 28**

7:30 - 10 p.m., Monday,

Jan. 22 - **Country and Western Dance** - \$7

Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.

7:30 - 10 p.m., Tuesday,

Jan. 23 - **Country and Western Dance** - \$7

Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.

7:30 - 11 p.m., Wednesday,

Jan. 24 - **Salsa Night** - \$10

Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30 - 8 p.m.

intermediate/advanced lessons are from 8:15 - 8:45 p.m.

open dancing continues from 8:45 - 11 p.m.

8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.,

Friday, Jan. 26 - **Good Time Charley Singles**

**Dance** - \$9

Singles from all over Chicagoland attend this night of dancing and socializing. Willowbrook's own D.J. spins the latest hits. Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.

1 - 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan.

28 - **Sunday Afternoon Ballroom Dance** - \$14

The 13 piece **Teddy Lee Orchestra** will provide live ballroom music.

Proper attire is required.

No jeans or gym shoes please.

6:30 - 10:30 p.m., Sunday,

Jan. 28 - **Sunday Night Swing Dance** - \$10

D.J. Riley will provide jumpin' jivin' swing music.

Basic swing lessons are from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.,

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Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m.

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## SPORTS AWARDS OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Oak Lawn Community High School coaches and athletic department recognized athletes at the recent Fall Sports Awards Night. Each sport recognized players for team accomplishments and individual achievements reached during the season.



Picture (Left to Right): Cross Country team members Lauren Brightmore, Coach Emily Buys, and Amanda Marek.

**Varsity Football:** Ryan Altenburg (Oak Lawn), Kyle Exline (Oak Lawn), Reid Smith (Hometown), Ryan Smith (Hometown), and Nicholas Wneck (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Eduardo Garcia (Oak Lawn), Honorable Mention; Reid Smith (Hometown), Most Valuable Player; and Jacob Arnold (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Boys' Soccer:** Ramon Martinez (Oak Lawn) and Steven Stanek (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Ramon Martinez (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Brian Fay (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Boys' Cross Country:** Craig Maher (Oak Lawn), William Stanko (Bridgeview), All-Conference; Craig Maher (Oak Lawn), Regional Winner; Craig Maher (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Christopher LeClair (Chicago Ridge), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Girls' Cross Country:** Lauren Brightmore (Oak Lawn), Eileen Eck (Oak Lawn), Danielle Lettiere (Oak Lawn), Amanda Marek (Bridgeview), All-Conference; Amanda Marek (Bridgeview), Most Valuable Player; and Lauren Brightmore (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Boys' Golf:** Francisco Carrasco (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Edward Pattara (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Girls' Swimming:** Kristen Callahan (Oak Lawn), Nicole Janik (Oak Lawn), Almendra Lopez (Oak Lawn), Anny Robles (Bridgeview), All-Conference; Nicole Janik (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; and Katherine Calandriello (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Girls' Tennis:** Lindsey Boots (Oak Lawn), Sherri Crumley (Bridgeview), Mallorie Tomasik, All-Conference; Susanna Zwirkoski, Most Valuable Player; and Mallorie Tomasik (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award.

**Varsity Girls' Volleyball:** Melissa Barber (Oak Lawn), Kelly Knudsen (Oak Lawn), Kelly Small (Oak Lawn), Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Julie Tracy (Oak Lawn), All-Conference; Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), Most Valuable Player; Julie Tracy (Oak Lawn), Sportsmanship Award; Danielle Synowiecki (Oak Lawn), and the team received "All-Area" recognition from the Southtown Newspaper.

The evening also recognized the following teams for the Conference Championships: Varsity Girls' Volleyball, Varsity Girls' Cross Country, and Sophomore Girls' Freshmen/Sophomore Swimming.

## Free tickets for special performance at Orchestra Hall

Sunday, January 14, 7 p.m. Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF CHICAGO LARRY RACHLEFF, Conductor VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 15 in A Major, Op. 141

This performance is free. Tickets are required. For more information or for tickets, please call PhoneCharge at 312-294-3000, or visit either the CSO's Web site at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604.

## So You Want to Dance!

Chicago's newest dance studio Studio ULA La opened at the corner of Halsted and VanBuren (808 W Van Buren-2nd floor) in Greek Town. Ballroom dancing has never been more popular. Just look at TV! Studio ULA La has events for corporate and private outings. Studio ULA La has a full menu for dance lessons for couples and individuals at any level. Auditions are currently being held for performance groups. Interested dancers are urged to contact the studio.

Studio ULA La has an informative web site ([www.studioulala.com](http://www.studioulala.com)) that details class schedules and costs, location and special offers for new students. The studio can be reached by phone at 866-434-7071.

A new student indicated Studio ULA La is a warm receptive and supportive environment and Ula Rivera is a good teacher. After three lessons I am further along than expected. You may want to put on your dancing shoes! It is good exercise, social and some pre baby-boomers danced lots in school! (No computers or TV)

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## Social Security Benefit Statements Being Mailed This Month

By John Flynn  
Social Security District manager

It is not too early to begin gathering the information you will need to file your income taxes. And, if you receive Social Security benefits, you will be glad to know your *Social Security Benefit Statement*, or Form SSA-1099, can be expected to arrive in the mail this month.

Beneficiaries will need this *1099 Benefit Statement* to complete their federal income tax return and to find out whether their benefits are subject to income tax. Generally, you have to pay taxes on your Social Security benefits if your total annual income is more than \$25,000 as an individual or \$32,000 for a couple. Fewer than a third of beneficiaries pay taxes on their benefits.

The *Benefit Statement* shows the gross amount of benefits that were due and the net amount of benefits paid. The 1099 also shows the amount of any payments (such as Medicare premiums) that were withheld.

The *1099 Benefit Statement* should not be confused with the *Social Security Statement*, which is mailed to all workers age 25 or older not yet receiving benefits and gives an estimate of future benefits available. The *1099 Benefit Statement*, mailed in January, reports the amount of benefits a person has received in the past year.

*Benefit Statements* are only sent to individuals who received Social Security benefits in the prior year, so you will only receive one if you were paid Social Security benefits in 2006. People who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) do not receive *Benefit Statements*, since SSI is based on need and is not considered taxable income.

If you got Social Security benefits in 2006 and you do not find a *Social Security Benefit Statement* in your mailbox by January 31, or if you need a replacement copy, you can request one online by visiting our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online services). Or you can call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service's toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676, to ask for Publication 554, *Tax Information for Older Americans*.

## INGENIOUS IDEAS

### A Helping Hand Is In The Bag

(NAPSA)—Those on crutches know that on top of being in pain, getting around is a major pain. Adding insult to injury, there's no easy way to carry your things with both hands gripping crutches.

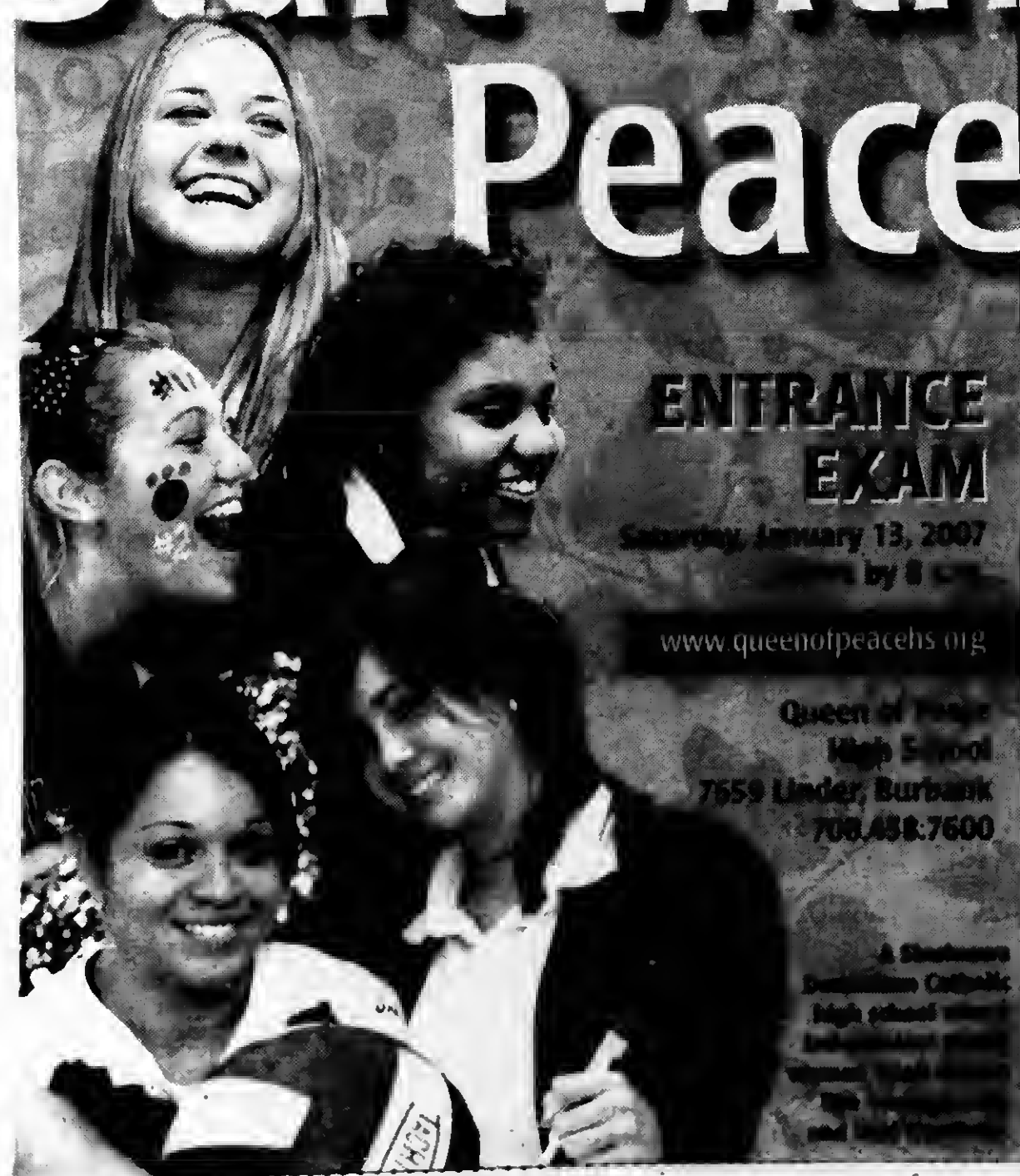
When you're knocked off your feet, you can use a helping hand. Now people on crutches can carry their stuff along.

Demonstrating that necessity can be the mother of invention, an injured skier developed a clever saddlebag-type tote that straps easily to any underarm crutch. This instant, hands-free carry bag has two roomy pockets to hold a range of items, from folding umbrellas to business reports. The versatile Crutch Tote™ fits underarm crutches of all heights (simply tuck the



bottom pocket up for use with children's crutches). It attaches easily with Velcro straps and is made of rugged machine-washable denim. What's more, once you're up on both feet again, it makes a handy car or closet organizer. It's also a great gift idea. To order or learn more, visit [www.crutchtote.com](http://www.crutchtote.com) or call (866)944-6822.

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The entrance exam at Mother McAuley will be on Saturday, January 13 at 8 a.m. McAuley, located at 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago, will use the EXPLORE test, developed by ACT, to assess student's academic standing.

The EXPLORE test consists of four timed tests: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. There is a \$25 test fee and students should bring two #2 pencils and a pen.

Students may use calculators. McAuley's commitment to education is evident in its strong curriculum and financial investments in science, technology and art

programs.

This year, McAuley has 33 "Smart Classrooms" equipped with projectors and interactive white boards.

These Smartboards help bring interactive technology to student's fingertips throughout the school. The graphic design and photography labs have McIntosh and Windows computers; there are 24 laptops used in the renovated Science Labs; and the theatre has computer-generated sound and lighting.

Mother McAuley believes that well rounded individuals are formed through educating the mind, body and spirit. Students can choose from 27 service, interest and social clubs and organizations, and McAuley prides itself in having a strong athletic program with 10 interscholastic sports teams.

McAuley is clearly providing young women with a "Lifetime Advantage". The Class of 2006 was offered more than \$13 million in scholarships and grants and boasts 118 U.S. Presidential Academic Excellence Award recipients, 56 Illinois State Scholars and 2 National Merit Finalists. The upper quartile honors ACT average

for the Class of 2006 was 29.5, with one student earning a perfect score of 36. Compared to the national average, McAuley students score nearly 100 points higher on the verbal and more than 60 points higher on the math portions of the SAT.

In fact, 39 percent of the students who took the SAT from last year's graduating class scored an 1800 or better out of a total 2400. If you would like more information about Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, visit our website at [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org).

## Brother Rice Entrance Exam

Brother Rice High School 10001 S. Pulaski Rd. Chicago will hold its Entrance Examination for eighth grader boys on Saturday, January 13 2007 at 8am. Test takers should bring #2 pencils and a \$25 testing fee. No calculators permitted. No pre registration is necessary. Call Tim Lyons at 773-429-4300 for more information.



Senior Jackie Dorsch, Patient Advocate, Ellie Ryan RN; Senior Bill Durkin, Manager, Outpatient Oncology Services Beth Vaclavik RN, MS, BC,OCN; Marist High School Community Service Coordinator, Katie Gallagher; Senior, Katie Kelly and Senior, Ellen Miller

## Marist High School Event Raises \$4000

Marist High School recently presented a \$4000 check donation to Little Company of Mary Hospital to benefit Ellyn Rose Cronin Community Resource Library. Marist High School raised the money at their "Think Pink" event in October.

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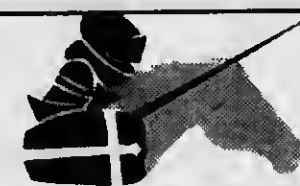
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## CSO & Fidelity Donate Musical Instruments

Fidelity Investments and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra donated \$60,000 of new musical instruments to three Chicago Public Schools. It is part of the Fidelity's "Inspire the Future Program" an outreach initiative designed to afford future generations of aspiring young artists the means to pursue their passion for music.

Students at Williams Elementary School, New Sullivan Elementary School and Kelly High School received 56 new musical instruments collectively valued at over \$60,000.

CSO members and Fidelity persons surprised students at Williams Elementary at a special music assembly and performed before inviting music directors of the respective schools onstage to accept the new instruments. New instruments included four clarinets, two flutes, two alto saxophones, three trumpets, two trombones, six sets of drums, two pair marching cymbals and six cellos. Also included were string basses, cornets, and bass guitar. Some instruments will be delivered to the other schools.

The schools were chosen for their special commitment to music education and their fostering a school culture that respects the arts. Coordinating the effort was The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation; a national non-profit organization dedicated to bringing musical instruments into schools that need them most. They worked with CSO and Fidelity. This is one of the CSO's many initiatives supporting music education.

## Those Sensational Soulful 60's Extended

The joint production of Black Ensemble Theatre and The Black Orchid of Those Sensational Soulful 60's has been extended to the end of January 2007. It is a great show! The performance is at 230 West North Avenue in Piper's Alley. Call 312-902-1500 for tickets. Jackie Taylor is the founder and director of Black Ensemble Theatre.

## Noble Fool Theatricals Launches NFT for All Ages

After the success of Youth Ensemble's Disney "High School Musical," Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run resort launches the NFT Performing Arts Academy for all ages. This is the new educational branch of the organization. Doors are open for classes and youth productions for the community as well as a second youth production "Annie." They indicated a great response was found with the local kids who were very excited about being part of the theatre. All the shows sold out within three weeks.

The Winter 2007 educational offerings are Improv (ages 11-19) a five week class for the comedian of the house, Adult Scene Study (18-boomers) all levels of experience and they will perform. This is a six-week class. Audition Techniques (5-18) Broadway Musical Auditions (11-18) both are six weeks, all levels experience and an introduction to musical theater is offered with music and vocal coaching. Dance is helpful.

Auditions for the youth ensemble production of Annie (age 10-18) is Monday, January 17 from 4-9pm. Doors open at 3:30 and it is first come first served basis. 40 are required for the cast. For auditioning bring a current photo and a resume. Pheasant Run Resort is 4051 Main St. St Charles. The phone number is 630-584-6342.

## All Canada Show at Pheasant Run Megacenter

The All Canada Show is coming to the Chicago area Thursday-Sunday, January 11-14 at the Pheasant Run Megacenter. Beginning this month, all travelers entering the United States by air are required to present a passport. Through a partnership with United States Postal Service, attendees of the show can apply right at the show including passport photos. You need a certified birth certificate and a current driver's license or State, Government or military ID. Cash and check are the only forms of payment the State Department will accept. Cost is \$97 including photo. It is valid for 10 years.

The show will have a huge contingent of Canadian camps, lodges, resorts, outfitters along with Polar Bear guide and naturalist. Moose stories, hunting and fishing seminars, firearms for hunter license information, wildlife artist and give away items. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors and children (13-16) and under 12 free. Show hours are 5-9 Thursday, 3-9 Friday, Saturday 10am-7pm and Sunday 10-4pm. Pheasant Run is west in St Charles Illinois.

## CST Presents True-Life Stories

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre presents true-life stories of Survival Under South African Apartheid in the production "Amajuba; Like Doves We Rise" created and directed by Yael Farber. The production will run January 31-February 11, 2007 in the Upstairs Theater.

A fusion of language, movement and music, Amajuba is a vivid depiction of how political realities are comprised of countless personal tragedies. Five South-African performers bring to life their own poignant stories of survival under apartheid to life in this extraordinary work. Cast member Roelf Matlala indicated when we talk of apartheid we think of the marches and other struggles but after the marches we had to go home, we had other lives and we had to go to school.

Tickets are \$42 and \$56. Performance schedule is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 2 and 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Call the CST box office at 312-595-5600. It is accessible to public transportation.

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## Richard Thomas and George Wendt Appear in Chicago

At a coming production of Twelve Angry Men which plays at the La Salle Bank Theatre January 30-February 11, TV and screen stars Richard Thomas and George Wendt appear in the national tour.

In the play, a young delinquent awaits sentencing for manslaughter of his aggressive father. The twelve jurors have to face themselves in the decisions. Richard Thomas and George Wendt play jurors #8 and #1.

Thomas has a long career of stage, screen and TV. In 1973 he won an Emmy Award for The Waltons. Wendt is known for Cheers with six Emmy nominations. The native Chicagoian began his career at Second City.

Scott Ellis the Associate Artistic Director of Roundabout Theatre Company directs twelve Angry Men. It is Roundabout Theatre Company's 40th anniversary and it is one of the country's leading not-for-profit theatres. Tickets range from \$18-\$65. Call the Broadway in Chicago Box Office ticket line at 312-902-1400. The theater is located 18 West Monroe St.

## Chicago Children's Theatre Rings in New Year with 4-ISH

Chicago Children's Theatre proudly announces the Chicago premiere of the international sensation 4-ISH, a heart pounding production replete with thrilling acrobatic stunts, street and break dancing, dance on inline skates, video art, a live DJ and more. 4-ISH comes to Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E Randolph Street. 4-ISH is sponsored by United Airlines, the airline of Chicago Children's Theatre. 4-ISH is an Amsterdam-based performance troupe. It is driven by the desire to stretch the limits of human ability in intensity, extreme sports and the rhythmic beats of dance and hip-hop. The New York Times raved about 4-ISH and audience members of all ages cheered.

"Everyone is looking forward to coming to Chicago for the show" said Marco Gerris, artistic director and founder of 4-ISH. Chicago Children's Theatre Artistic Director, Jacqueline Russell indicated this is 4-ISH's first international production with CCT and hopes that the audiences of all ages will enjoy the energy.

Tickets prices range from \$15-\$25 for all performances. The show dates are January 19-28, 2007. The Target Family Matinee Series offers two-for-one tickets Sunday afternoons. The box office number is 312-334-7777. Also visit the web for tickets at [www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org).

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NEW YORK —The ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) today applauded the state of Illinois in its pursuit of justice towards all—including our canine companions. On January 1, 2007, Illinois will become the first state in the nation to crack down on potentially dangerous and vicious dogs owned by convicted felons, when Public Act 94-0818 will take effect.

"We and the entire animal-loving community are extremely grateful to Rep. Jerry Mitchell and Sen. William Haine for sponsoring this extremely important public safety bill," said Ed

Sayres, president & CEO of the ASPCA. "Gang members, who are often legally prohibited from owning armed weapons, frequently use dogs as weapons to intimidate community members. This innovative act was designed to make our communities safer, and is a major step forward in correctly administering and regulating 'dangerous dog' laws. I commend these far-sighted lawmakers for this act of public service."

"Dogs are wonderful companions and great protectors in many situations," stated State Representative Jerry Mitchell (90th District). "They were never meant to be used as a weapon to protect or defend illegal activities."

The ASPCA's Ledy VanKavage, Senior Director of Legal Training and Legislation, worked closely on this legislation. "Rep. Mitchell and Senator Haine developed a novel solution to protect the public from dangerous dogs, while also keeping the best interests of dogs at heart," said Ms. VanKavage. We hope other states pass similar legislation.

Public Act 94-0818 will make it a Class A misdemeanor for a person convicted of a felony to own, possess, have custody of or reside in a residence with, an un-spayed or un-neutered dog older than 12 weeks of

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## Obituary

Catherine "Kay" Lostrosio wife of the late Dominick was buried recently from Kosary Funeral Home to St. Thomas Moore with interment at St. Mary. Survivors are sons, Donald (Michelle) and James (Denise) nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

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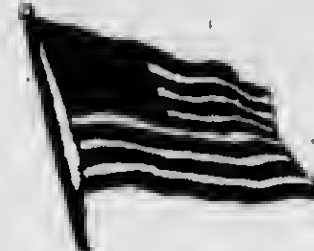
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## PACK 383 TOYS

At its December pack meeting, members of Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 donated new toys for the Orland Fire Protection District's Toys for Tots Collection. Shown with some of the Cub Scouts are Wolf Leader Robert Sadowski (holding banner); Bear Leader John Rich and Pack 383 Cubmaster Gerry Schuch (far right).



## PACK 383 ROBLEY SINGING

Webelo Cub Scout Leader Dave Robley (right) led members of Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 in Christmas carols at the pack's December meeting. At the meeting, Orland Park Cub Scouts performed holiday skits and songs and donated more than 100 new toys for the Toys for Tots Collection held by the Orland Fire Protection District.

## Tinley Park Library News

The Grace Notes will perform in concert at the Tinley Park Library on Sunday, January 21, at 2pm. The Grace Notes flautist returns to charm us with more of their beautiful music. The program is titled "A Journey through Dance Music."

Learn all about eBay at the Tinley Park Library, Wednesday, January 30 at 7pm. Vivienne Porter will teach participants how to make a profit by selling things on eBay during the class. For information call 708-5320160 ex 3. The Tinley Park Library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

## Tinley Park updated redevelopment plan

by Matt Mayer

The village board announced at the Dec. 19 Tinley Park board of Trustees meeting the availability of the updated amendment to the eligibility report and the updated amended redevelopment plan and project for the village's Main Street South Tax Increment (TIF) District. A TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies, such as schools and libraries, and provides incentives for developers. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years. The updated amended redevelopment plan and project is currently on display in the village hall.

Other highlights: The board approved an ordinance abating a portion of the 2006 tax levy requirements as provided for under an Intergovernmental Agreement providing for property tax abatement for Car Max. In 1997 the village entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rich Township School Districts 159 and 227 to provide a property tax incentive for Car Max. This agreement requires each district to abate 30-percent of the taxes levied and extended against Car Max properties for a period of ten years or a total of \$3 million with all districts combined. This is the ninth year for this abatement. The total abatements are not expected to exceed the \$3 million cap. The total amount of taxes to be abated under the ordinance is not expected to exceed \$30,000.

## Mavericks Of Medicine conversations with creative and controversial thinkers who are changing the future of medicine

When Hungarian physician Ignaz Semmelweis started making the claim that poor sanitation was responsible for spreading illness from one patient to another, people laughed. After enduring the mockery of his fellow physicians, Semmelweis' controversial idea that washing one's hands helps to prevent the spread of disease was eventually vindicated by science. Despite the often strong resistance and ridicule that physicians like Semmelweis encounter throughout history, these courageous mavericks are largely responsible for the greatest advances in medicine.

From his own interviews with 22 modern-day eminent physicians and cutting-edge researchers, David Jay Brown, in his book, *Mavericks of Medicine: Conversations on the Frontiers of Medical Research*, sheds light on where modern medicine may be evolving.

Risk-takers and rebels, these "Mavericks of Medicine" frequently challenge conventional wisdom and stir firestorms of controversy. Some are ridiculed, even reviled. Yet these same people are discovering some of history's greatest medical breakthroughs, changing the path of medicine, and opening up the prospect for further lifesaving advances.

In interviews with brilliant and controversial medical researchers and practitioners like Jack Kevorkian, Andrew Weil, Bernie Siegel and Barry Sears, and stem cell pioneer Michael West, Brown reveals "proposed solutions for what's wrong with modern medicine, ideas about reversing the aging process and suggestions that can lead to a future in which all diseases are easily curable."

"We are living in truly astonishing times," Brown says. "Technology theorist and inventor Dr. Ray Kurzweil told me that nanobots, blood cell-size devices that could go inside the body and keep us healthy from the inside, will be commonplace in about two decades."

Just 20 years ago, depression went largely untreated and the U.S. death rate from heart disease was a third higher than it is today. Forward-thinking mavericks sparked transformations in each of those realms and now stand on the verge of even greater ones.

As science reveals more about the chemistry of mental function, diseases ranging from addiction to Alzheimer's could become as manageable as high blood pressure. With luck, several drugs that target the underlying mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease could reach the clinic before the first Baby Boomer turns 70.

The in-depth interviews in "Mavericks of Medicine" provide a treasure-trove of practical suggestions that anyone can use to improve their health today and they offer an exciting vision of what's to come. "When we look at the future of medicine," Brown says. "We see incredible possibilities that border on the miraculous."

## Winter/Spring Registration

Tinley Park, Illinois, December 29, 2006 - The Tinley Park-Park District resident registration for all Winter/Spring programs and events begins January 9. Non-resident registration begins January 22 for mail-in and drop-off. Walk-in registrations for non-residents will be accepted beginning January 23.

Residents and non-residents can now take advantage of the Park District's convenient on-line registration system. Anyone interested in using the on-line system must first obtain their user name and password from the District by calling 708/342-4200. On-line registration for residents will begin at 9:00 am on January 9. Residents will no longer have to wait to see if they get into a program or activity. With on-line registration, they will know immediately and will be able to print a

receipt as confirmation of enrollment. The Park District's on-line system is safe and secure, and customers' personal information is never shared with anyone.

The line-up for this winter/spring includes lots of exciting new programs, trips, and special events for all ages. Be sure to register early as many programs and events fill up quickly! For more information contact the park district at 708/342-4200.



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## St. Francis Hospital offers childbirth classes in January

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island is offering several childbirth classes in January:

- **Lamaze Weekend** will take place Jan. 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This two-day class covers important topics related to childbirth. A tour of the family birthplace is included. The cost is \$60. To register, call 708-385-4433.

- **Basics for Successful Breastfeeding** will take place Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. The class will provide basic information for expectant mothers interested in breastfeeding. The cost is \$25. To register, call 708-385-4433.

- **"Mom's Having A Baby" - Sibling Class** will take place Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. Three-to-10-year-old children will learn about babies and where mom will stay when she goes to the hospital. A tour of the family birthplace is included. The cost is \$15 per child or \$25 per family. To register, call 708-385-4433.

- **Prepared Childbirth** will take place Saturday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Couples will learn about labor/delivery and newborn care. A tour of the family birthplace is included. The cost is \$30. To register, call 708-385-4433.

St. Francis Hospital is located at 12935 S. Gregory Street, Blue Island. For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit our Calendar of Events link at [www.stfrancisblueisland.com](http://www.stfrancisblueisland.com).

## St. Francis Hospital & Health Center offers free program to manage diabetes

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will offer a free program for managing diabetes on Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Learn self-care techniques, including signs and symptoms of high and low blood sugar, food choices and dining out, and more. Registration is required. Call 708-385-4433. St. Francis Hospital is located at 12935 S. Gregory Street, Blue Island.

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## Lily Society Hosts 2007 Lecture Series

**Begins Jan. 14, Chicago Botanic Garden**

The Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society presents a monthly series of free, interactive slide show lectures on lilies from January through April 2007 at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

The series is part of the Society's annual public education/outreach program. Lectures are at 2 p.m. in the Fairchild Room in the Regenstein Center. Speakers and topics include:

- Jan. 14 — Pam Duthie, owner of The Gifted Gardener and president of the Landscape Design Association, presents "Companion Plants for Lilies." She discusses which flowers and shrubs best accent lilies in the garden, and will autograph copies of books in her popular Continuous Bloom series.

- Feb. 11 — Carolyn Ulrich, editor-in-chief of Chicagoland Gardening magazine, presents "Garden De-

sign Through the Ages." Attendees learn the highlights of how gardens have evolved over the ages as gardeners have searched for their own bits of paradise on earth. Ulrich's articles on gardens and gardening have appeared in numerous regional and national gardening magazines, and she has led many garden tours throughout Europe.

- March 11 — Woodruff Imberman presents "How to Put Glam in Your Garden with Lilies." He discusses how to grow lilies best suited for the soil and climate in Chicagoland, and teaches simple propagation techniques. Imberman is president of the Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society and an award-winning amateur lily hybridizer. The Lily Society's spring bulb sale will be held at 1 p.m. to provide audience members with the opportunity to purchase unusual lily bulbs inexpensively.

- April 1 — "You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers" features a panel of well-known regional lily authorities who answer audience questions on how to grow lilies and prepare them for shows.

"Lilies are among the most beautiful of the recommended perennial plants for Chicago area gardens," said Boyce Tankersley, director, living plant documentation, Chicago Botanic Garden. "Their stunning beauty and fragrance enchant Garden visitors from mid-June through early August. There are lilies to fit any location, from the small statured *Lilium pumilum* to longiflorum-asiaticum hybrids with stout stems that do not need to be staked and immense clusters of flowers well above head height."

The mission of the Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society, an affiliate of the North American Lily Society, is to further the knowledge and propagation of true lilies.

For information on activities at the Chicago Botanic Garden, call (847) 835-5440, or visit [www.ohwow.org](http://www.ohwow.org).

## Letter to the Editor

Quitclaim Deed, a Trap for the Unwary

The Quitclaim deed is a popular document in real estate parlance. Both lay and professional persons use it for a variety of purposes in the Real Estate Industry. However, in spite of its popularity and its benign appearance, it has an insidious history of abuse and misapplication where the unwary fall victim to its subversive character. To appreciate the character of the quitclaim deed, we must compare it to its first and second cousins and its collateral relatives.

The first cousin to the quitclaim deed is the Warranty Deed or as it is popularly known "General Warranty Deed." The General Warranty Deed. Passes all the character traits that a bargained for conveyance of real estate should have, i.e.:

- 1 Warranty of seisin. The grantor guarantees the grantee the right of possession.

- 2 Quiet enjoyment. The grantor guarantees that no one will encroach upon or challenge for possession.

- 3 Defense of Title. The grantor guarantees that he will defend all challenges to the title prior to the grantee conveyance.

- 4 Freedom of encumbrances. The grantor guarantees the property to liens, etc, at a time of conveyance.

- 5 Right to convey. The grantor guarantees the grantee the right to convey the property.

And, the guarantees are from the beginning of time to current. The Special Warranty Deed is the second cousin. This document differs from the General Warranty Deed in one respect, its guarantees are limited to the period in which the grantor held title to the property. The quitclaim deed possesses none of the guarantees or warranties of the General Warranty Deed. Or the Special Warranty Deed. The grantor of the quitclaim deed conveys to the grantee exactly the interest he or she has in the property. "If he or she has no interest, they convey no interest." The grantor of a quitclaim does not guarantee warranty of seisin, quiet enjoyment, defense of title, freedom or encumbrances or the right to convey.

A quitclaim deed is really an instrument of release. An example would be where one spouse releases his or her interest to the other spouse. Or, where there is a need to correct title, a quitclaim deed is used. In most common law jurisdictions, a quitclaim deed is not considered to be bona-fide purchaser for value.

Instead a quitclaim deed is considered to be an instrument of estoppel, which means it estops or prevents the grantor of the quitclaim deed from later claiming that he or she has an interest in the property. Remember, the grantee of a quitclaim deed receives no better title than what the grantor possessed. This is reason enough for cause and concern when executing or receiving a quitclaim deed.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!

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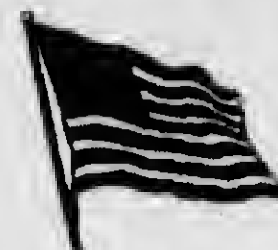
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## Chicago Ridge presents checks

By Matt Mayer

The Dec. 19 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Mayor Gene Siegel presenting checks from this years Ridge Fest proceeds to the following organizations. Youth Service Bureau; Knights of Columbus; Our Lady of the Ridge School, Chicago Ridge Park District, School District 127, Chicago Ridge Cub Scouts, Ridgeland Brownies, Ridgeland Girl Scouts, the Chicago Ridge Public Library, Southwest Ball Hockey, Boy Scout Troop 665, Chicago Ridge Friendship Club, Chicago Ridge Village Seniors, Queen of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge Athletic Association, Our Lady of the Ridge Men's Club and the American Legion Post 1160. The total amount of proceeds was \$31,500. "The fest does bring a few problems to the residents on Washington and Birmingham as well as the village staff and departments. However, the 3 or 4 days of inconvenience and the efforts of the entire village makes it worthwhile," Siegel said.

Other highlights: The board approved a police labor contract which calls for a 3-percent salary increase for 2007 and 2008. The administration wage increase will also be 3-percent. An ordinance for a tax levy and tax abatement as well as a resolution accepting the 2007 budget was approved. Village Clerk Chuck Tokar said the taxes levied have increased some 1.8-percent due to the police and fire department pensions; the police pension has increased to \$465,000 and the fire department pension has increased to \$340,000. "We're looking at similar amounts over the next two years - it will take three increases to reach the funding required," Tokar said.

A request to renew the Santa Lucia Parish raffle license for 2007 was approved as well as the Girl Scouts Cookie Sale time, which will be January 14 to February 4. The Sertoma Candy Day solicitation will be September 7 and 8, 2007.



## Little Company of Mary receives donation for Cancer Center

Photo; Illinois Brick's Pam Rattner and Keith Colbert; Sister Kathleen McIntyre LCM; Illinois Brick's Dave Pukula; Cancer Center Manager Beth Vaclavik and Patient Advocate, Ellie Ryan

Illinois Brick' Company of Palos Hills recently donated \$23,335 to the little company of Mary Cancer center to benefit women who have breast cancer and who are in need. The funds were raised in the golf outing in honor of Tim Murray, a former manager at Illinois Brick.



Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart (second from left) accepts the Child Defender of the Month Award from Richard Whidden, Executive Director of the National Law Center from Children and Families. Also pictured are Cook County Sheriff's Police Chief William McHenry (far right) and First Deputy Cief John Palcu (far left).

## Cook County Sheriff's sex offender unit receives first ever national recognition award

The Cook County Sheriff's Office recently received national recognition from a Washington Based child protection agency for the department's efforts to protect children in Cook County from sex offenders and online predators.

The National Law Center for Children and Family Services awarded its first ever Child Defender of the Month award to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Sex Offender Unit. NLC Executive Director Richard Whidden presented the award to Sheriff Tom Dart in downtown Chicago on December 19.

Whidden said the Cook County Sheriff's Office was selected to receive the NLC's first ever Child Defender of the Month Award in recognition of the unit's 400th arrest of child sex offenders.

"Law enforcement works very hard across the nation to protect children and the National Law Center is proud to recognize these dedicated servants with this award," Whidden said. "We want to thank the administration and officers of the Cook County Sheriff's Police Sex Offender Unit for their hard work keeping their community safe."

Sheriff Tom Dart said the award is an important recognition for the department.

"The Sheriff's Police Department is working day in and day out to help protect children in our county from sex offenders and online predators," Dart said. "This award not only reinforces our efforts, but provides national recognition for what we are doing for children."

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## Hometown News

Army National Guard Pvt. Olivia Rivera has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of John Rivera of S. Meade Ave., Burbank, Ill.

Rivera is a 2004 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

## Library Seeks Input from Teens

Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Oak Lawn Public Library Teen Advisory Board the third Wednesday of each month at 7-8 p.m. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. Upcoming meeting dates are: January 17 and February 21. No registration required. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 708-422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

## Getting Organized for the New Year

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free lecture on "Getting Organized for the New Year" 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 17. First-come, first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

Pamela Colovos of Organizing Solutions will share tips to help you reduce stress, save time and money, manage your papers more efficiently and keep your home and workspace free of clutter. Learn how to employ new tools, tricks and methods to stay on top of everything in your busy personal and professional lives.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Saturday Soccer/ Monday Night Soccer

The Hickory Hills Park District offers recreational soccer leagues beginning in January. First and Second graders game times will be 1:30 or 2:30 on Saturday. Third to Fifth graders play on Monday nights; 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Both leagues will play at Krueger Park Rec. Center. For additional information, call the park district office at 598-1233. Resident: \$25; Non-Res.: \$30.

Tumblebears Gymnastics The Hickory Hills Park District is offering a variety of gymnastic and cheerleading programs designed for young children ages 1 to 12 years. Call the park district at 598-1233 for additional information or visit our website at

[www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org).

Shooting Stars

Let your 6 -10 year old develop basketball skills while having fun in this 7-week class at Krueger Park Rec. Center. Classes are held on Tuesdays, January 9 - February 20 from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. Simple drills will

familiarize participants with passing, dribbling, shooting and the basic rules of the game. Resident: \$29; Non-Resident: \$34.

After School - Open Gym

The Hickory Hills Park District will hold After School - Open Gym, January 8 through April 4 at Krueger Park Rec.

Center from 3:45 til 5:15 p.m. 4 - 7 year olds attend Mondays; 8 - 11 year olds attend Wednesdays. Pay at the door: Resident: \$1; Non-Resident: \$2.

For more information, please call 708-598-1233 or visit our website at [www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org).

## Get Help Quickly In An Emergency

(NAPSA)-In an emergency, every second counts. Research supports the commonsense notion that getting prompt help makes surviving an emergency more likely. That's important for America's rapidly growing senior citizen population. In this country, the percentage of people 65 and older is projected to grow faster than any other age group. In fact, 26 states are projected to double their 65-and-older populations between 2000 and 2030. That's the age group that accounts for three out of four deaths in the United States. In addition, one in three senior citizens fall each year, and seniors are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than they are for injuries from all other causes combined. For elderly people who live alone, becoming incapacitated and unable to get help is a common event that usually marks the end of their ability to live independently. Fortunately, the ability to get help raises the chances that a senior will continue to live independently. The longer a person spends helpless, the greater the likelihood that he or she will be discharged into supportive care. After a fall or other emergency, 90 percent of people who get help within one hour will continue independent living, but after 12 hours without help, only 10 percent of people will continue to live at home. Now it's possible for a senior citizen anywhere at home to reach local 911 dispatchers-not a centralized national call center-anytime, immediately,

using Guardian Alert 911 can speak directly through a pendant to secure immediate help. You just push the blue button on the wearable pendant and you can speak directly to a 911 operator from anywhere in or around the home. You do not need to use your regular telephone. The world's smallest cordless speakerphone lets you speak directly to an operator instantly from anywhere in or around the home. This is the only product that allows you to speak from anywhere in your home, not just within 50 feet of a speakerphone. Since Guardian Alert 911 operates through your home telephone line, the 911 emergency operator knows and sees your name and address due to the universal caller ID that is now in place across North America, saving you valuable minutes. For more information, visit [www.logicmark.com](http://www.logicmark.com). If you can quickly reach emergency personnel, you're more likely to survive an incident with your independence intact.

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## Oak Lawn approves new banking services agreement

By Matt Mayer

The village board unanimously approved an agreement at the Jan. 9 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting with Standard Bank and Trust Co. for banking services effective January 12 to January 11, 2010. The possibility of an investment committee will be placed on the next agenda. In the interim, board members may review the recommendation and at such time discuss if such a committee is deemed necessary.

Other highlights: The board unanimous-

ly denied a request from the Target Corporation to sell package liquor at their new store, which is slated to open March 11 at 4000 W. 95th Street the former Holiday Inn site to sell package liquor. The store will also contain a Star Bucks. The board also discussed to possibility of making the village a "quiet zone" by installing "quad gates" at village crossings.

Several residents have voiced their opposition to the trains blasting their whistles from the early morning and continuing

through out the day. The train whistles can be heard throughout a large portion of the village, especially irritating for residents located next to the crossings such as the 51 Street Station condominium building. There are currently 33 daily Metra trains, which travel along the railroad crossing at 95th Street as well as freight trains.

The installation of "quad gates" which have been installed by other municipalities encourages the train engineers to cease whistle blowing at the crossings. The re-

quest for approval of the quad gates will be on the next agenda. Village Clerk Jane Quinlan thanked the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 for their donation of handmade knit hats as well as a donation of \$2,000 to the Oak Lawn Family Services Center during the holiday season. The village hall will be closed on January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The next meeting is Jan 23.



Officers and Directors Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Leo Gutchewsky, Linda Olson, Pat Stacik, Nancy Merlo, Mike Gutchewsky, Ginger Morgan and Kevin Mathers.

## Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce installs 66th Board

Members and supporters of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce business community will gather January 20th to honor the 2007 Officers and Directors at the Oak Lawn Hilton. At the business meeting 2006 Business Awards will be recognized in each of the following categories: Outstanding Chamber Member and Business person, Women-Owned or Minority Owned Business, Outstanding Home-Based Business and Outstanding New Chamber Business.

Kevin Mathers of Bally Total Fitness will be inducted as 2007 President. He succeeds Leo Gutchewsky of A Service Company. Also inducted will be 1st Vice President Jackie Truty of Art Clay world, 2nd Vice President George Cachares of Southwest Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Treasurer Glen Kato Web Design & Marketing and Secretary Rita Olson of Gateway Hotel.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors includes the following: Susan Beran (Bridgeview Health Care), Dr. Joseph Brannigan (Brannigan Chiropractic), Peggy Burke (First American Bank), Dr. Sandra Bury (Complete Vision Care), Carey Cranston (Fox College), John Crivellone (Illinois Security Services), Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle), Michael Gutchewsky (The Gootch Financial Group), Donna Herpich (Great Lakes Metals), Len Hinzay (Millex Tune-Up & Brake Center), Doug Kasper (Marquette Bank), Irene Lovitt (Bank Financial), Nancy Merlo (archer bank), Gene Mondello (Geno's Decorating), Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home), Linda Olson (Oak Lawn Public Library), Tom Orlowski (Men's Warehouse), Beth Purcell (Hope Children's Hospital), Laura Quillinan (Cel Air Communications), Paul Shanle (Lambton Auto Repair), Patricia Stasikm (Oak Lawn Park District), Paul Sterk (Merrill Lynch) and Adam Woodworth (Children's Museum in Oak Lawn).

Chamber Director Mike Gutchewsky will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets cost \$65 per person and include dinner and an open bar. Call the Chamber Office for reservations at 708-424-8300. The Chamber has 350 members and works to advance the business community in Oak Lawn.

## Congressman Lipinski helps pass "9/11 Commission" security recommendations and announces new strategy for Iraq

Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives in passing H.R. 1 which will make our nation safer by providing for the implementation of the remaining 9/11 Commission recommendations.

The 9/11 Commission, which was created in late 2002 to prepare a full and complete account of the circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, also provided recommendations designed to guard against future attacks. While several of these recommendations were implemented as part of the Intelligence Reform Bill of 2004, several key provisions had been neglected until today.

"Finally, Congress has taken action on the 9/11 Commission recommendations, and in doing so has taken a substantial step forward in protecting our nation from any future terrorist attacks," said Lipinski. "I am hopeful that the Senate will follow the lead of the House on this issue and work with the President to make H.R. 1 law."

H.R. 1 includes a number of long-overdue steps that will substantially improve homeland security, including:

- Providing for better communication among first responders during emergencies;
- Phasing in a requirement of inspecting all passenger aircraft cargo and checked baggage (most of this cargo is still not inspected);
- Phasing in a requirement of scanning all U.S.-bound shipping containers;
- Strengthening provisions to better protect against terrorists acquiring WMD; and
- Reducing the appeal of extremism through the promotion of economic opportunities, education reform, human rights, and democratic processes in the countries of the Middle East.

While domestic security will be greatly enhanced by making H.R. 1 law, the "dire" situation in Iraq continues to threaten to increase the risk of future attacks. It is clear that the U.S. Iraq policy must change. Congressman Lipinski today released his plan for a new strategy that rests on three key recommendations:

- (1) Bring the world community together to seek solutions in Iraq, including calling an international conference that will work on putting together a peacekeeping force and setting up an international reconstruction program.
- (2) Encourage achievement of important goals in national reconciliation, security, and governance by arranging a peace conference for Iraq's ethnic and religious factions, similar to the conference that led to the Dayton Accords.
- (3) Require the Administration to give Congress detailed reports on the situation in Iraq so that informed decisions can be made regarding funding Iraq's reconstruction and deciding when American forces can be redeployed.

"While the situation in Iraq is 'grave,' it could get much worse," said Lipinski. "While it is tempting to bring our troops home immediately, the strategic importance of Iraq's location, its potential as an oil-rich safe-haven for terrorists, and the real possibility of a region-wide war, require that we do all we can to stabilize the country. However, I do believe that my plan, which calls for greater international involvement as well as improved congressional oversight, offers the best chance for bringing stability to Iraq and beginning the initial redeployment of our troops this year."

Congressman Lipinski's full plan for Iraq can be found on his website, [www.lipinski.house.gov](http://www.lipinski.house.gov) <<http://www.lipinski.house.gov>>.



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## Military News

Army Pvt. Robert W. Jurgensen has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Isabel Satala of W. 123rd Place, Alsip, Ill., and grandson of Roberto Fonseca of S. Monitor Ave., Burbank, Ill.

Jurgensen is a 2003 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights, Ill.

Air Force Airman Kyle L. Wlazlo has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Alexander and Yolanda Wlazlo of W. 109th St., Worth, Ill.

Wlazlo is a 2005 graduate of Brother Rice High School, Chicago, Ill.

Army National Guard Pvt. Christopher M. Williams has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Carole Williams of Ryan Road, Hometown, Ill.

Army National Guard Pvt. Brittany A. Franson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Aglow meets at Mama  
Luigi's Restaurant

The speakers for February will be Pastors Joy and Scott Howard who serve as youth pastors under the leadership of Pastors Steel at Life Church in Palos Heights.

In 1997, they dramatically accepted the Lord at Stone Church Assembly of God during extended revival time and became ordained through The Church of God.

Joy and Scott both came from abusive childhoods and turned to drugs to escape the reality of life before God intervened.

They have a special passion to minister to people from similar backgrounds of life struggles who are in need of healing and restoration. Come and hear their testimony of God's work in their lives.

Dinner tickets are \$13.00, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required by February 5th. For additional information and reservations, please call June at 708-424-1656.

## OBITS

Linda M. Bumber age 73 nee Lenzinger. Loving daughter of the late John and late Johanna. Dear Mother of Joyce (David) Enright and Sandra (Jonathon) Schmitz. Cherished grandmother of Britany, Matthew and Joseph. Fond sister of John Lenzinger and Lucille Bishop. Also survived by nieces, nephews, and many good friends. Visitation was at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie Ave. Evergreen Park on January 6. Interment was private. Call 708-499-3223.

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## Letter to the Readers

by Annette Dixon

On October 22, 2006, 120 ministers from 48 states gathered together in Japan and Korea to bring the message of peace to the people of Asia. The Chicago Tribune, along with other national newspapers carried the stories throughout the United States about Rev. Sun Myung Moon. This message was centered on how and why 120 mostly, black African American Ministers would become Ambassadors of Peace for the Rev Moon peace movement. This reporter was one of the Ambassadors of Peace. The inspirational message of God, Jesus Christ and Rev. Moon, just in that order was presented to hundreds of thousands of people in Japan and Korea. My particular cities where I was to present this message were Akashi, a city outside of Kobe in Japan and Pusan, Korea. The 120 ministers all had cities within the country of Japan and Korea and all spoke on the same day in 120 cities in each country. This was an outstanding venture that only the Universal could accomplish. The most exciting peace movement took place at the DMZ Zone outside of Seoul, Korea. Rev.

Moon contends that Peace cannot be accomplished unless there is true love. In order to have true love, one must learn family values. The understanding in our society is to accept the fact that there are family extensions. Rev. Moon would like to see this as non existent and seek for a three generational family. He believes that there should be a grandparent, mother and father and children all living in the same house.

This could be the ideal family which would bring a closer relationship among family members. When applying this concept into our own life, we can then apply the same concept to those outside of our home and broaden it further to others within our own country and then the world. This idea is not a utopia, but a reality in some lands. When the movement of Rev. Moon's idea started in 1929 with a concept of God being the center of the universe, this was not accepted by the people of North Korea.

Rev. Moon was persecuted by his own people for preach-

ing about God. But he continued to preach, because he felt he was anointed, appointed and approved by God to spread his message to the people of north Korea. He was exiled from his homeland and walked hundred of miles to south Korea to escape tyranny from the communist in Korea. After many years of persecution and suffering from imprisonment, Rev. Sun Myung Moon became a well respected leader throughout many nations. Maybe he traditional in his approach to a religion, but he surely became successful, not only in his own country, but also in so many other countries. I can respect a person who believes in himself, and become a leader with many followers in the name of God. What makes him or her any different than the multitudes of billionaires and millionaires who became successful through the sports they practice or the films they are in or produce, or the music videos they produce, or the multilevel marketing companies they develop or the gurus of our promotional speaking society. If these leaders have God in their heart and earned their money legitimately, who cares how much they have or how they earn their money.

The difference between Rev. Moon and the above mentioned is that Rev. Moon openly speaks about God with his own philosophies and is not within the traditional religion. In this country the press would like for us to believe the liberal thinking is in and God like thinking is out!

Thank you Rev. Moon because of you I was able to speak about God, Jesus Christ on three continents to thousands of people in 15 countries and 15 cities in 33 days. Did it bring people together, I hope so! What I do know is that Rev. Moon took the time to plan this movement for peace and use the ministers in the United States to help spread peace throughout the world. A unilateral peace agreement, allowing all people to preach the word of God, was signed in 3 of the 8 countries in Europe while the 80 ministers were in 120 cities in Europe. Amen this was an accomplishment.

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## Congressman Lipinski Helps House Pass Long-Overdue Minimum Wage Increase

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives to help pass H.R. 2, legislation that will raise the nation's minimum wage to \$7.25 over the next two years. This bill, which was co-sponsored by Representative Lipinski, will provide the first minimum wage increase since 1996 and is one of the issues that the new Democratic majority has made a priority in their middle-class agenda.

"The minimum wage, which has remained unchanged for nearly 10 years, is at its lowest real value in more than half a century," said Lipinski. "As a result, millions of Americans are working full time yet still living in poverty. Work needs to be rewarded. That is why I co-sponsored and helped to pass H.R. 2. This bill will benefit nearly 13 million working Americans and their families."

This increase in the federal minimum wage will be implemented in three phases over a two-year period. Sixty days after the legislation is enacted, the minimum wage would increase to \$5.85. One year later, the minimum wage will increase to \$6.55 per hour. A year after that, the minimum wage will increase to \$7.25 per hour.

"Raising the minimum wage is the first step to a stronger economy for all Americans, not just for the privileged few," said Lipinski. "Our action today will make a real difference in the lives of America's working families."



## McAuley Students Win Recycle Contest

McAuley seniors in Ms. Chris Pollard's American Government class participated in the City of Chicago Department of Environment's "America Recycles Day Contest." Students from all over the Chicago area competed in the 4th annual contest by submitting a video medium to show what recycling means to them.

A group of four seniors including Laura Kulikauskas (Chgo., Ashburn), Ashley O'Brien (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), Kimberly O'Brien (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood) and Margaret Siegel (Chgo., Beverly) won the contest with their 5 minute DVD. Their video answered the following required questions: what messages are you trying to convey through the video; what you learned through this project; and what actions do you want people to take as a result of your video. The students won a trophy, a desktop computer system for the school and a pizza party.

All the students in the American Government class received certificates signed by Mayor Richard M. Daley.

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## Marist's Mothers' Club to Host Fashion Show

CHICAGO, Ill., January 4, 2007~ Marist High School Mothers' Club will host its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, Passport to Fashion, on Sunday, February 25, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Georgio's Banquet Center, 8800 West 159th Street, in Orland Park.

Local boutiques will showcase the latest fashions, and the grand raffle, with many wonderful prizes, will also be a highlight of the event.

This is the Mothers' Club only fund-raiser and tickets are \$40 per person, which includes lunch and the show. A cash bar will be available. To make reservations for an afternoon of friends, fashion, and fun, please call 773-779-1463.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

## Abdullah addresses American National Can Club

Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds addressed the American National Can Retirees Club at a recent breakfast. He discussed the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and included Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages and On Line Property information. Askia Abdullah is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the Recorder of deeds at public forums. Askia Abdullah received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M Cooley Law School in Lansing Mi.

## Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir begins rehearsals

The Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir begins rehearsals Sunday January 21 held at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Evergreen Park. Rehearsal schedule is Sunday's to March 18 and some Friday nights. Helen Breems is Music Director. A spring concert is scheduled for March 24 at St. John Fisher Church. Call Betty at 708-819-0139 for more information. The Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir begins its 8th year. Singers are from all walks of life and churches in the Beverly Morgan Park Community and the surrounding southwestern suburbs.

## District 218 offers computer courses for community members starting in late January

District 218 will offer 19 computer courses to community members from February through May. Registration begins immediately and classes start January 23. The district also will offer open lab sessions, where residents may utilize computers at no charge, on several dates.

Courses are open to anyone age 18 or older. All courses are 10 classroom hours in length. Tuition is \$30 per class for senior citizens who live in District 218 (age 62 and older); \$40 per class for other residents of District 218; \$60 for senior citizens (62 and older) who live outside District 218; and, \$80 for other non-District 218 residents.

Course schedules and registration forms are available at the main offices of District 218 schools, the district Administrative Center, and at all public libraries in District 218. District 218 schools include Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento in Blue Island;

Richards High School, 10601 S. Central in Oak Lawn; and, Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland in Palos Heights. The Administrative Center is located at 10701 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

Residents may register in person in the school main offices and Administrative Center or by mail. To register by mail, residents need to obtain a registration form and mail it to: District 218, Attention: Judi Keigher, Instructional Services/Adult Education, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Payment by check or money order payable to District 218 must accompany registration forms.

Residents also may acquire a registration form and view the course schedule and course descriptions at [www.chsd218.org](http://www.chsd218.org) by clicking "Community Information" on the home page.

## Chicago Genealogical meets

The Chicago Genealogical Society announces a presentation by Dr. Paul S. Valasek of the Polish Museum titled "Polish American Research" on Saturday, February 3rd at 1:30pm. The meeting is held at the Newberry Library. For more information see the web at [www.chgogs.org](http://www.chgogs.org).

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# HILTON LEGENDS



Don Mavar, the hotel's "Banquet Waiter to the Stars", helps actress Helen Hayes with a birthday cake.



Mavar with Bob Hope.



Don Mavar with presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey

## Downtown Hilton promotes waiter

by Annette Dixon

Oak Lawn resident Donald Mavar married Margaret Watts, his father's care giver fourteen years ago on the Silver Eagle gambling boat in Dubuque, Iowa. Their wedding and honeymoon was a gift from a developer. Margaret's comment "this is a good way to take a gamble." After all, Donald was only 61 years old and this was his first marriage. Donald's father was aging and needed a full time care giver and Margaret Watts was his care giver. Little did they know that Donald and Margaret were meant for each other.

Donald's father Joseph Mavar, born in Croatia, was a Maitre d' at the downtown Chicago Conrad Hilton Hotel in 1945 through 1965. Throughout the years Joseph trained Donald to be the best waiter he could possibly become, and little did Joseph know that Don would enjoy his career. Joseph and Donald enjoyed being guests of Mr. William Harridge at the annual dinner in the Sherman House Grand Ballroom celebrating the Pitch and Hit Club of Chicago.

Donald Mavar graduated in 1950 from DeLaSalle High School and was recruited for the minor league baseball team in Tarboro, North Carolina that summer.

There were scouts everywhere bird dogging, for he went from the Philadelphia Athletics to Oakland A's, both in their minor league organization. It was soon afterwards that in 1956 Don was now 1A in the United States draft and therefore drafted into the army. Because of his experience as a waiter, he was placed in the army kitchen. His recreational time was playing baseball for two seasons in the army with the 5th Regiment Black Knights, 1 Calvary Division.

Donald Mavar, Banquet Captain, worked 50 years for the downtown Conrad Hilton, during that time served Mayors Kennelly, R.J.Daley, Bilandic, Jane Byrne, Harold Washington, and R.M. Daley. He also served Governors Otto Kerner, Richard Ogilvie, James Thompson, James Edgar and George Ryan. He also served ten presidents of the United States of America starting with Harry S. Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

Donald said, "he was honored to serve them and added he would not have had a fulfilled life time of work enjoyment had it not been for his dad, long ago, who encouraged him to take the job as a banquet waiter when the opportunity arose."

## Mt. Greenwood Garden Club news

The Mt. Greenwood Garden Club will hold a cookbook sale and tasting of wonderful recipes on February 3rd from 9am to 5pm at the Mount Greenwood Library, 11000 S. Kedzie Ave. The cookbook is from recipes provided by past and present Mount Greenwood residents for the 100th year anniversary. Books are \$15 each. Profits go for projects the Garden Club is involved with. For information call 773-233-6121 or 773-881-3698.

## Moraine Valley offers new "Microsoft Publisher" course

Beginning in the spring 2007 semester, Moraine Valley will offer a new course—OSA-225 Microsoft Publisher.

The course will introduce students to the concepts, techniques and features of the Microsoft Publisher application. The software will be covered comprehensively, including linking versus embedding objects from other applications; and publishing for print, e-mail distribution, and the Web. This course will be delivered using a hands-on methodology, allowing students to use Microsoft Publisher to complete projects in a computer lab environment.

Two certificate programs also will be affected with the addition of the Microsoft Publisher course to its curriculum—Desktop Publishing and Graphics and Mi-

crosoft Office Specialist. For a listing of the updated course requirements for newly admitting or readmitting students in the spring 2007 semester, visit [morainevalley.edu/programs/general/1312.htm](http://morainevalley.edu/programs/general/1312.htm) for Desktop Publishing and Graphics program information, or [morainevalley.edu/programs/general/1456.htm](http://morainevalley.edu/programs/general/1456.htm) for Microsoft Office Specialist program information. For more detailed information about the course or the program changes, call Nancy Morrissey at (708) 974-5732, or e-mail [morrisseyn@morainevalley.edu](mailto:morrisseyn@morainevalley.edu).

Information on all college classes and programs is available in the spring 2007 class schedule or online at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu)

## Moraine Valley offers courses in interior decorating, kitchen design

If you catch yourself watching HGTV for the newest and most innovative home redecorating and design clues, you should put your ideas into motion by taking a course in Interior Home Decoration or Kitchen Design in the spring 2007 semester at Moraine Valley.

Interior Home Decoration I (HM4220-501) introduces students to the basic principles of Interior Design, and will cover fundamental design aspects such as space planning, textiles, case goods, window treatments, and accessories. The course will meet on Wednesdays, from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning January 31, for six weeks. Fee for the course is \$90.

If you wish you could put your current

kitchen design on the chopping block, then Moraine Valley's Kitchen Design 101 (HM4225-200) is for you. Whether it involves new construction, remodeling, or updating, this course's instructor is a local designer who can teach you the tricks of the trade. Students should bring graph paper as well as detailed measurements and photos of their kitchens along with a list of any design ideas they have in store. This course will meet once on Monday, January 22, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee for the course is \$30.

Information on all college classes and programs is available in the spring 2007 class schedule or online at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu)

## PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW NAME AND LOOK FOR FITNESS CENTER

TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS JANUARY 12, 2007 – The Tinley Park-Park District recently changed the name of its full service fitness center to Tinley Fitness.

According to John Curran, Director of Parks & Recreation, "Only the name and logo have changed. Our members and guests will continue to enjoy the great amenities and service that have made our fitness center a tremendous success over the past 10 years."

As part of the Park District's strategic plans for the fitness center, the new name and logo will enhance the facility's identity as a strong leader in the health and fitness market. "Tinley Fitness remains the most comprehensive, affordable health club in the area," added Karen Wegrzyn, Marketing Manager. The new name and look make it easier to communicate that the Park District's fitness facility offers great service, state-of-the-art equipment, and affordable rates. Park District resident memberships start at just \$23 per month, and there is never an enrollment fee. Tinley Fitness recently installed 18 new

pieces of Precor equipment including treadmills, ellipticals and bikes. "It's important to our members and to Tinley Fitness to provide state-of-the-art equipment that will hold up to a lot of use," commented Laura Petritis, Tinley Fitness Manager. Additional amenities at Tinley Fitness include a variety of cardio equipment (17 pieces with Cardio Theater), free weights and strength training equipment, a three-lane 25-yard lap pool, group exercise classes including yoga, Pilates, aqua aerobics and many more, all included in the membership fee. Additional amenities are available such as personal training, massage therapy, racquetball and more.

Tinley Fitness is located at 17500 Duval Drive in Tinley Park, and is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Individuals who would like to visit Tinley Fitness may download a coupon for a free workout from the park district web site at [www.tinleyparkdistrict.org](http://www.tinleyparkdistrict.org)



## NumAstrology

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by  
**Jacki Mari and Alyn**  
**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:**

For all Signs for January 16th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and Telfriend

**Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo:** You are sexually magnetic this week. In fact, you can get what & whom you want now. M & T aid.

**Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer:** H seems to be very interested in what you are doing or want to do. People are listening now.

**Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius:** Children may be trying to manipulate you into giving them what they want. B aids.

**Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn:** A person who seems interested in your ideas "is." This may be an S. Cash comes soon.

**Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** Don't reach back & let fear & failures back into your life! E or A involved.

**Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** Do you feel that you are in a "void" & don't know where to turn? Turn inward.

**Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius:** Free yourself from past or present guilt. Take back your power to succeed & you will!

**Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Read the above message...know that higher powers are working within you. M helps.

**Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces:** Read the above messages, all of them. You find a clue to what is needed in your life!

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Class starts 17th [7pm] & Discussions in Feb on All Things Paranormal at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian]. I also do Mini-Psychic Sessions there 1-22 [7pm]. Mini-Psychic Sessions at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] 1-15 [7pm]. Walk-ins welcome.

I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. on ly]. Available for Speaking Engagements.

### Psychic Insights.

### Questions and Psychic Answers.

### Is Guilt Your Master!

Some children are brought up to believe they were born to one day take care of their parents. Some parents may lay guilt on them if they don't. But, guilt binds one to whatever they think they deserve to feel guilty for. Some people actually become masters at such manipulation. They seem to need others to become subservient to them or they could lose a form of power guilt gives to them. Stand up to such manipulation. Realize that guilt will become your master & you will be it's slave! If you have made mistakes that you regret making, realize that you can never undo or unsay them. What is done is done! But learn from them. After all, this is what life is all about...learning! Right?

Right!.

Jacki Mari & Alyn.

## Lincoln State Cat Club's 47th annual cat show

Lincoln State Cat Club, Inc. will be holding it's 47th annual CFA Championship Allbreed and Household Pet show at the Oak Lawn Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Avenue, on February 17, and 18, 2007.

New, this year, is the Feline Agility Trial. If you've ever seen a canine agility trial you won't believe what these cats can do! The Trial is open to all cats, not just those entered in the show. For information on entering your cat - contact Stan Grzonka, 1.

The event features a Showcase of Breeds with booths for many Cat Fanciers Association recognized purebred cats, their owners to answer questions, information on the various breeds and names of reputable breeders from whom you might purchase a kitten.

An Education Ring features speakers on cat health and wellness topics. Veterinarians, groomers, pet behavior counselors and more will speak both days every hour on the hour.

This year we have something new for our spectators, a Feline Agility demonstration. If you've ever seen the dogs compete in Agility you can imagine how much fun it is to see the cats go through the trial.

Over 30 vendors will be

present to sell everything from statues and gold jewelry to cat beds and litter pans, all at a great price! Food will be available for the people as well as the cats.

The show itself features purebred cats competing for Best in Show against 225 other cats in 8 separate rings. In the Household Pet Show the cat next door gets to be a star, too.

Hours for the show are 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. both days. Admission is \$7 with children under 6 years old admitted free. There is ample free parking. For more information, a map and discount coupon check the web-site at w.

Lincoln State Cat Club is a non-profit organization, and all proceeds from the show will be donated to feline health and welfare organizations. Past support includes The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago, Tree House Animal Foundation, Second Chance Shelter, The West Suburban Humane Society, The Morris Animal Foundation, The Robert Winn Feline Foundation, Cornell University Feline Health Center, The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and many, many more.

Help make this year's show a success. There's a lot of work that needs to be done to help our cats achieve better health.

## Something Old and Something New

### Dear Brides to Be:

With keeping with the size of guest lists, you may have to tell certain people that they cannot bring their children with them, but if they do there will be babysitters available for the hotel room. If they are from out of town and your guests decided to bring their children without you knowing it, offer to arrange someone for them, but do not offer to pay for the sitter.

Mention this well in advance of the wedding to your guests and be explicit as to there will be no children invited to attend this wedding.

You may have to plan for a babysitter just in case someone does not adhere to your request. A good idea is to get reliable babysitter who has excellent references or you can call the local churches to see if they would be available. A disaster can be avoided if you plan in advance.

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Carlene O'Connor

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## Moraine Valley earns excellence awards for financial reporting

Moraine Valley has been recognized by two international organizations for its excellence in financial reporting for the fifth consecutive year.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded Moraine Valley with its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Reporting for the college's comprehensive annual financial report and the Association of School Business Officials International also awarded Moraine Valley with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year end 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The finance officers organization's certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and "its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management," according to the association. Noted the school business officials, "By preparing and presenting an annual report, Moraine Valley validated the credibility of its school system's operations, measured the integrity and technical competence of the business staff, assisted in strengthening their presentations for bond issuance statements, and provided professional recognition."

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or e-mail: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.



## Kathy's Kaleidoscope



### A DAY CARE TALE.

kathywhirity@yahoo.com.

Joe-Joe, as we call him, has been in my care since he was a baby. He is now almost 4 years old. I've noticed, through the years, that he has a really big heart but he is also super sensitive, which can be annoying at times.

Any type of command will send him into a fit of crying, which has me checking and double checking myself when I need to reprimand him.

The other day, Joe-Joe grabbed a toy from one of the younger children. As soon as I saw it I scolded him, in a firm but gentle way.

No sooner had I said, 'Oh, no no Joe-Joe!' and the tears began to flow. He ran to me with outstretched arms and I gave him a big hug, as I always do when he cries. Then I encouraged him to go back and play with the kids, without grabbing the toys from them, of course.

Since he is so sensitive I've made it a practice of always praising him whenever he does something positive. I give him little jobs to do and he seems to thrive on the added attention I heap on him. When he gets me the diaper wipes for a smaller child I tell him what a great helper he is. He smiles from ear to ear.

When he finds a toddler's lost shoe I clap and thank him for being the best finder in the world. He loves to be my little helper and I enjoy seeing him glow with the recognition that he is special.

I have a habit of going into depth when explaining things to the kids. I like to stress positive things and so I will go over and over something until I'm confident they've got the message.

Such was the case the day Joe-Joe grabbed the toy from our little Georgie girl.

After nap time, while I was getting him ready to go home I decided to bring up the subject, of why what he did was wrong and why I had to correct him.

I started by saying, "Hey Joe, Kath wasn't yelling at you when she told you not to grab from Georgie. Kath just doesn't want you to be a bully with the other kids, because I wouldn't let the other kids do that to you." Then I asked him if he understood what I was saying to him. He sat there listening intently, it seemed, to every word I said. I actually thought I was getting through to him. I know that I sometimes drone on and on with them but I truly believe that what I'm saying does eventually sink in and they do understand just what I'm trying to say.

I finished by saying, "Hey Joe, whose Kath's best pal?" He looked me right in the eye and simply said, "Kath, hay is for horses!" Well I don't know if my message sunk in but at least I know he was listening.

Kathy's Kids At Play is my rendition of a mini Romper Room. I hope to teach my little daycare darlings the importance of having good manners, sharing toys and playing nice with each other. They have also taught me a thing or two along the way as well.

They have given me reason to laugh over their child-like shenanigans. They have had me doubt my sanity when prayers for patience seemed to be my mantra. They have caused tears to flow from my own eyes as they grow up and leave my daycare nest for the reality of big kid's school.

This is why I choose to welcome them into my home each day and why I miss them when they move on.

And, no matter how much I talk to them or explain the ins and outs of why I do the things I do - I know what's important is the take away message I impress on them.

As Joe-Joe put it quite well when he listened so intently to my ramblings about how I was only teaching him things for his own good. "Kath, Hay is for horses!" Enough said!

Don't you just love the way a child's mind works?

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~.

Children, they are God's greatest blessing to us. (Kathy Whirity.).

## St. Patricia Open House & Registration for 2007-2008 School Year

Sunday February 4th.  
9:00am to 1:00pm.

St. Patricia School's annual open house and registration will be held Sunday, February 4th. Families are welcome to visit the campus at 9000 South 86th Avenue in Hickory Hills from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Informational brochures, guided tours, and refreshments will be available.

Founded in 1960, St. Patricia School has a long tradition of academic excellence fostered in an environment of Catholic values. Our challenging Pre-K through 8th grade curriculum also offers dedicated computer science, general science w/ lab facilities, music and art programs and ac-

ademic tournaments. It also offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities, including scouting, football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading and competition cheerleading. Essential to working families is the affordable on-site before and after-school care provided to students, where they receive a nutritious snack and a safe environment for homework and activities.

The open house and registration culminate the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. If you are unable to attend the open house, contact the school to arrange a tour during normal school hours (7:45am - 2:15pm). For registration information, call the school office at (708)598-8200.

## Events at Lincoln Park Zoo

The "Science at the Zoo Lecture Series" has three series this year entitled The Science of Matchmaking for Zoo Animals: How Software Ensures the Future of Zoo Populations on February 3, 2007. Lincoln Park Zoo population biologists employ science when managing captive populations from condors to chimpanzees. Come hear about matchmaking and population planning. The lecture begins at 10am.

On March 3, 2007 Wildlife Disease Surveillance and Ecosystem Health is presented by Zoo personnel. They spearheaded the creation of the National Captive Wildlife Surveillance Network for emerging diseases such as West Nile virus and avian influenza. Join us to learn how wildlife

ecology research can benefit the entire global ecosystem. Tickets are \$6 members and \$8 non-members.

The third program is How Feces Can Save Species: The Role of Endocrinology in Conversation is April 7, 2007. The lab extracts hormones from animal feces and urine that provides a non-invasive method of determining the reproductive status and well-being of the animals at the zoo. Join us to hear the exciting discipline that furthers understanding of animal biology. All lectures are at 10am in the Judy Keller Education Center.

The Women's Board at Lincoln Park Zoo is sponsoring a special event "South Pond Build and Grow Fair" on April 25. If you are a teacher or principal and would like your

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## What's wrong with negotiations?

By Grace-Marie Turner.

Since the New Year began, the political conversation has been all-talk-all-the-time about prescription drug prices. The idea that the government should negotiate prescription drug prices is a key piece of the reform agenda for the new Congress. Legislation has already been introduced.

At first glance, this seems like a no-brainer. What could possibly be wrong with government negotiating prices? After all, aren't negotiations part of free markets and healthy competition?

Unfortunately, no - not when one party is the federal government.

Unlike a private company, the government doesn't negotiate prices; it dictates them. When was the last time your physician ever negotiated his or her payment rates with Medicare or Medicaid? It doesn't happen. Government sets a price and that's it.

But, many will argue, the government negotiates drug prices at the Department of Veterans Affairs -- and look what a great deal the VA gets. But if we look carefully, the VA doesn't get such a good deal after all -- especially when it comes to giving veterans access to the most cutting-edge medicine.

Columbia University Prof. Frank Lichtenberg, in a paper published by the Manhattan Institute, found that only 38% of the drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the 1990s and 19% of the drugs approved since 2000 are on the VA national formulary.

The only way that negotiation works is for buyers to be able to walk away from the table if they don't get their price. That's what the VA does, and the result is significantly reduced access to new drugs.

The other problem with letting the federal government negotiate drug prices is that it will open the door to price controls throughout the health sector. This will be particularly harmful to the drug industry, which thus far has largely escaped the heavy hand of government in regulating prices.

Price controls inevitably lead to scarcity of supply, reductions in quality, dampening of innovation -- and usually all of the above. A good case could be made that the prevalence of price regulation over physicians' fees and hospital charges, with the accompanying mountains of paperwork to justify their charges, is eroding the quality of American medicine. And it certainly is restricting access to physicians for Medicaid beneficiaries and for many seniors on Medicare.

After experiencing choice in the new Medicare Part D program, seniors will be loath to tolerate such restrictions. The Kaiser Family Foundation conducted a survey that showed 85% of Americans support allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices for the Medicare program. But a Dutko Research survey shows that support drops to 30% when people learn that it would mean they could choose only from a list of government-approved drugs.

Moreover, experts at both the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of the Actuary at HHS have said that government involvement in price negotiation will not lead to lower costs for taxpayers. But it would very likely lead to significant restrictions in access to drugs for seniors.

The government would have a hard time beating the incredible results that the private plans negotiating drug prices for Medicare already have produced.

Competition among the plans and choices for seniors have produced significant savings for seniors -- with average monthly premium for the basic Medicare drug benefit down more than 40% from the \$37 a month that was originally projected. This year, the average premium for the basic benefit is \$22 a month, with premiums actually falling from last year's \$23 average.

On top of all that, Part D is saving money for taxpayers, too. Its cost in the first year alone was an estimated \$13 billion below projections.

When was the last time a government entitlement program ever came in under budget?

Part D is a unique benefit. It's a government program that has been successfully integrated with the private sector. And it's working better than anyone ever anticipated. The program should be allowed to continue flourishing without government interference in price negotiations.

Grace-Marie Turner is president of the Galen Institute, a non-profit research organization focusing on free-market solutions to health reform. She can be reached at P.O. Box 19080, Alexandria, VA, or at [turner@galen.org](mailto:turner@galen.org).

## Teen ski trips

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 8, 2007 -- The Tinley Park-Park District is hosting three ski trips in February for teens in grades 6 through 12. The All Night Ski Trip takes place February 2 & 3 at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galeana, Illinois. Chestnut Mountain closes to the general public for this "all teen" overnight event. On February 12 teens will travel to Cascade Mountain in Baraboo, Wisconsin. This all day trip leaves at 6:00 am and returns at 9:00 pm. And don't miss the full day trip to Tyrol Basin in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin on February 24. All trips include transportation and continental breakfast. Fees vary depending on whether or not equipment rental is required. Registrations for all three trips are now being accepted at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center or register on-line at [www.tinley-parkdistrict.com](http://www.tinley-parkdistrict.com). You must register for the overnight trip by January 26, the Cascade Mountain trip by February 2, and the Tyrol Basin trip by February 16. Please call the Recreation Center at 342-4200 for additional information.

## St. Rita car pool program

The car pool program is a free computerized service that can match St. Rita families looking to share rides. This program will be accessible on the St. Rita website, [www.stritahs.com](http://www.stritahs.com), and will be up and running after February 1, so incoming freshmen can begin to make arrangements for next semester after taking the entrance exam. Over 85% of current students use car-pooling as their mode of transportation.

## Meeting notice.

The regular meeting of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

## Learn to raise healthy kids in new Moraine Valley class

Between video games and supersized meals, raising healthy kids in today's society is far from easy. Parents who are concerned about making the right choices for their children are encouraged to attend Moraine Valley's new, noncredit class "Raising Healthy Kids in a High-Tech Fast Food World" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, in the Fogelson Family Theater in Building T, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The cost to attend is \$10.

This seminar will be presented by a chiropractor from Health From Within, 14400 S. John Humphrey Dr., Suite 116, Orland Park. The focus of the program is not about following a strict diet or an impossible exercise regimen but about getting to the root of the problem and learning to make reasonable, sensible, and practical choices for children.

For more information on this program or other noncredit courses offered at Moraine Valley, visit [morainevalley.edu/wdcs](http://morainevalley.edu/wdcs) or call Workforce Development and Community Services at (708) 974-5735.

Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Smith earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Patti Smith of S. Kedzie, Chicago, Ill.

The airman is a 200 graduate of Mount Carmel High School



## Coed volleyball league

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 8, 2007 – The Tinley Park-Park District is offering a coed volleyball league for adults on Tuesday evenings beginning February 6. Teams will have a maximum of 10 players, and 1/2 of the players on the court must be women at all times. The resident fee of \$275 and non-resident fee of \$325 includes prize money and referees. Teams may register with a \$50 deposit with the balance due in full by January 31. Games will be played at Kirby School, 17300 S. Ozark between 6:30 and 10:00 pm. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

## Adult basketball league offered

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 8, 2007 – The Tinley Park-Park District will offer a men's adult basketball league on Thursday evenings beginning February 15 at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. Game times are 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm or 8:30 pm. Only team registrations will be accepted and must be submitted to the Park District by February 7. The resident fee of \$575 and non-resident fee of \$625 includes equipment, gym usage, prize money (1st and 2nd place teams) and t-shirts. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

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## Father daughter Valentine's Dance

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 8, 2007 – The Tinley Park-Park District will host a Father Daughter Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 9 at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. The dance will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and includes cookies, punch, and dancing by candlelight to tunes played by a DJ. This is a wonderful event that features games and gifts for all. Registration by February 2 is required as no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets for residents are \$13 per person, and \$20 per person for non-residents. All ages welcome! For more information contact the park district at 708/342-4200.

## St. Michael School hosts new student open house

St. Michael School in Orland Park invites pre-school children, kindergarten children, transfer students and their families to attend a new student open house.

An open house has been scheduled to provide interested families with an opportunity to see the school's facilities and meet our special teachers and staff. The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Located at 14355 Highland Avenue in Orland Park, St. Michael School has provided quality education in a faith-based environment for more than 55 years. St. Michael School serves more than 650 students from the Orland Park, Tinley Park, Homer Glen, Lockport and Palos communities.

Visit St. Michael School and learn how our Christ-centered community successfully prepares kindergartners through eighth graders for the endless challenges of life. St. Michael School can be the beginning of your child's spiritual and educational journey.

For more information about the open house or to arrange for a private tour, call St. Michael School at 349-0068. Information is also available at [www.saintmike.org](http://www.saintmike.org)

## Palos Bank & Trust Prestige Club holds event

The Palos Bank & Trust Prestige Club holds a dramatization and luncheon at the Orland chateau, 14500 S La Grange Road on January 31st at 11am. Barbara Rinella has been bringing literature to life, inspiring her audiences to learn and laugh for over 20 years. She calls her witty first person renditions academic entertainment.

For the luncheon, Ms Rinella has selected 'The Greatest Generation and The Greatest generation speaks' by Tom Brokaw. The program will illustrate why Tom Brokaw rightly calls his parents' generation The Greatest Generation and will allow Ms. Rinella to give a salute to her own parents.

Cost for the luncheon is \$23 members and \$29 guests. Reservations are required. Call Jan Haffner at 708-448-9400 ex 2065 for information. Mail reservations payable to Palos Bank Prestige Club, 12600 South Harlem, Palos Heights, IL 60463 by January 24th.

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The Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP will be offered at the Evergreen Park Office of Senior Citizens' Service, 3450 W 97th Street on Thursday and Friday, February 8 and 9 from 9am to 1pm. Attendance on both days is required.

The refresher course reviews rules of the road for mature adults. Sign up for the class in person or mail a \$10 check made payable to AARP. Include your name, address and phone number. Send it to the address above.

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## Harold L. Richards High School performs at Walt Disney World

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - The Harold L. Richards High School "Bulldog" Marching Band members strutted their stuff down Main Street, U.S.A. at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, on January 6. The band traveled to Disney from Illinois to take part in Disney Magic Music Days and perform for an international audience of Theme Park guests.

The group performed prior to the "Disney Dreams Come True" parade. The thousands of guests that lined the streets of the Magic Kingdom, waiting for the start of the parade, were pleasantly surprised to hear the announcement of the band. Several of the guests had lined up for the parade up to an hour in advance. The band provided some welcome entertainment.

Harold L. Richards High School "Encore" Show Choir, Concert Choir, and Jazz Ensemble became stars of their own Disney show later the same day when they took the stages at Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe and Galaxy Palace Theater also located in the Magic Kingdom.

High School and Middle School marching bands have been performing at the Walt Disney World Resort since its opening day. The program has expanded since that time, and now Disney Magic Music Days performance opportunities are open to bands, orchestras, choirs, drill teams, dance ensembles and other performing groups.

Groups come from all over the world to perform, learn and compete at all four Walt Disney World Theme Parks. For more information visit [www.DisneyPerformingArts.com](http://www.DisneyPerformingArts.com) or call 1-800-603-0552.

## Southwest Symphony winter program

The 2006-07 season of the Southwest Symphony continues with the February 10 concert at 8pm held at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Chapel Auditorium located 6601 West College Drive in Palos Heights.

The concert theme is Continental Crosswords.

David Crane will conduct the program consisting of Saint-Saens "Orient et Occident", Glinka's "Summer Night in Madrid", "Afro-American Symphony" by Grant-Still and "Capriccio Italian" by Tchaikovsky.

Call 708-802-0686 for information and tickets.

## Theatre in the area

by Marijo Doody.

At Drury Lane Oakbrook is The King and I in January and February. Call the box office at 630-530-0111 for more information. The show is an old favorite and I heard it is excellent.

Leaving Iowa is at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N Halsted Street. The box office is 312-988-9000. Reported-ly the comedy is great!

Fiddler on the Roof is at Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge road, Munster in February. It stars some excellent actors. The box office number is 219-836-3255.

At Shattered Globe Theatre is the play The Prize by Arthur Miller. It runs from January 11 to March 3, 2007. The venue is Victory Gardens Greenhouse at 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. The box office number is 773-871-3000.

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre continues bringing international theater to Chicago with Amajuba: Like Doves We Rise from January 31-February 11, 2007 at Navy Pier. An award winning South African director and playwright Yael Farber directs it. The box office number is 312-595-5600.

Porchlight Music Theatre presents in January and February the Tony-Award winning musical Assassins of Stephen Sondheim. The box office is 773-327-5252. The venue is Theatre Building, 1225 W Belmont.

Noble Fool Theatre brings back The Swordsmen, the high energy, original comedy review. It was a success in 2003. It is a whole family show. Performances are January 18 and 19 at 8pm and 5 and 8:30pm. The box office number is 630-584-6342. Noble Fool is located in the Pheasant Run Resort and Spa, 4051 E. Main Street in St. Charles.

Paramount Theatre presents the 25th Anniversary tour of Cats. It won seven Tony Awards and features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies, including the hit Memories. The production is Friday-Sunday February 2-4 at 8pm Fri and Sat nights and 3pm Sat and 1pm on Sunday. The box office number is 630-896-6666. The Paramount Theatre is located 23 E Galena Blvd, Aurora.

## Metra Rail system:

In the fall of 2007, St. Rita will begin to offer the Metra Rail as an option for St. Rita students. Students riding the Metra Southwest Line will be picked up and dropped off at the Ashburn stop (79th and Kedzie). Students will be transported to and from St. Rita by a St. Rita shuttle bus that will pick up and drop off students at the train station front door. Example: Students will board the train at 179th and Southwest Hwy. at 7:09 a.m. and arrive at the Ashburn Station at 7:43 a.m. One the ride home students will board the train at Ashburn Station at 3:06 p.m. and arrive at 179th and Southwest Hwy. at 3:46 p.m. Check [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com) for exact schedules and student fares.

## Don't Forget Valentine's Day



Barbara Gaines and Marijo Doody  
Barbara Gaines addressed working women in business.

## Dance Center News

Together Higher Dance troupe, Vietnam's first contemporary dance company returns to the United States for the American premiere of 'Stories of Us' February 22-24, 2007. Presented by the dance Center of Columbia College, 1306 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago.

Together Higher Dance, which consists almost entirely of deaf or hearing-impaired dancers, will perform the work that examines ideas of exclusion and segregation, with movement inspired by the personal stories of Vietnamese people existing on the fringe of mainstream. The piece poses questions about feelings of isolation and imprisonment, what really separates us, and how we perceive our differences.

The dancers create a powerful silencing emotional force moving from military-like marching formations to movement of free improvisation and emotion.

As part of the Together

Higher Dance Center residency, choreographer, Le Vu Long will teach a Dance Master class in improvisation Monday, February 19 from 6:30-8:30pm at Links Hall, 3435 N. Sheffield.

Long will investigate how movement is initiated, using different body parts to create expression through the whole body.

Dance Master is a series of community master classes presented by The Dance Center's Community Outreach and Education office in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with Hedwig Dances, Links Hall and The Lou Conte Dance Studio, studio of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Hubbard Street 2. These classes are for dancers at the intermediate level or higher. Registration fee is \$15. For tickets for the performance call the box office 312-344-8300 or any questions.

## Musichorale resumes rehearsals

Musichorale resumes rehearsals January 16, 2007 for the spring programming. Always new members are welcome. Rehearsal is from 7-9:30pm on Tuesday evening. Come and try it out. Rehearsals are 9000 South Ridgeland in the church. One can come for a few times to see if it is their taste.

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## 2 programs aim at mortgage fraud

### Appraisal, licensing changes proposed

Lew Sichelman, United Feature Syndicate  
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WASHINGTON -- Perpetrators of mortgage fraud and abusive lending practices could be severely hampered under two efforts gaining traction in the home finance business.

One involves appraisals, which are said to be at the core of virtually every scheme to defraud lenders.

The other is aimed at mortgage brokers, who stand accused of being the main culprits in scams that fleece unsuspecting borrowers out of their life savings--and sometimes their homes.

Mortgage fraud is a \$1 billion-a-year business, according to FBI statistics, and growing. In practically every case, valuations are highly inflated, either by rogue appraisers or those who say they are being pressured into falsifying their appraisals by someone else in the lending chain.

Indeed, roughly 80 percent of the crimes are said to be committed by individuals who know how to circumvent the process or by collaboration between industry insiders.

But a plan by a publicly traded Canadian company to pre-appraise cities, one building at a time, promises to erect a firewall between appraisers and anyone trying to influence their work.

"By appraising the property prior to the transaction, complete objectivity is attained since the appraiser is not trying to 'hit' any particular valuation estimate," explains Douglas Vincent, a collateral risk expert with 20 years in the field who just signed on as managing director and national chief appraiser for the Calgary-based Zaiio Corp.

Zaiio intends to collect street-level, front-exterior photographs of 100 million properties throughout America and input them into the company's proprietary software. Then it will combine the pictures with public-record data about each house regarding square footage, number of bedrooms and baths, lot size and so forth. Finally, a state-licensed or certified appraiser will analyze the data and perform an exterior inspection of each property.

The result will be an industry-compliant, before-the-fact appraisal that will be available instantly.

The appraiser assigns property a "GeoScore" that ranks each on a

zero to 10 scale on six attributes: condition, location, site size, amenities, size of the garage and view. The top score would be 60; the bottom, zero.

The appraiser uses the Geo-Score software to create an average of 40 "market groups" into which all similar properties are classified based on the type of house, location and square footage.

Single-family houses with 3,000 square feet or more located on golf courses might be in one group, for example. Duplexes with 1,500 square feet in a so-so school district may be another.

Data for each property are kept up-to-date by the appraiser, who inputs all new listing and sales information from local multiple-listing services, public records and other sources at least once a month. Photos will be updated as needed.

According to Zaiio, the process allows an appraiser to research values for every property before an appraisal order. Then, when an order comes in from a lender, the appraiser can instantly produce an accurate, objective report that meets regulatory requirements. And because there is no contact with real estate agents, mortgage brokers, title companies or anyone else in the lending chain, Vincent expects it to "virtually eliminate" collusion to inflate values.

"It's like a credit report for houses," he says. "You pull up a property, and it already has an appraisal."

The company has divided the U.S. into zones of 10,000 properties each and is "selling" them to local appraisers. Eventually, it intends to have 7,500 zones in the 250 largest metropolitan areas.

The system is "live" in Spokane, Wash.; the company's test market, where five lenders are accepting Zaiio appraisals. It just opened in Mesa, Ariz. Zaiio expects to put 200 photographers on the street in other cities soon and has sold zones to licensed appraisers in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland, Denver, Colorado Springs, Orlando, Dallas, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Washington. It soon will begin marketing to appraisers in Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami and Palm Springs.

The proprietary technology and process are intended for use mainly

by home-equity lenders who don't require interior appraisals, but it can be upgraded for lenders making purchase-money mortgages under a \$250,000 regulatory threshold.

"It's a 'gap' product that solves lenders' needs on second-mortgage transactions," Vincent says. "But it can also be used by primary lenders who require the appraiser to go inside the properties they are underwriting."

According to the Zaiio executive, the system is being "embraced" by appraisers who have lost much of their home-equity-loan business to AVM (automated valuation model) companies that offer less expensive, quicker automated valuations.

The only naysayers, he says, are those in areas where properties don't conform to the norm, fear compliance issues or think the company is just trying to take business away from them. "But we were founded by an appraiser, we are run by an appraiser and the majority of owners are appraisers who want to show their colleagues they can not only compete with AVMs but be better than AVMs."

There are also some folks who don't particularly care for an effort by state regulators to clamp down on predatory lending by creating a national licensing system and database of residential mortgage brokers.

One big opponent of the licensing idea is the 27,000-member National Association of Mortgage Brokers, which speaks for the originators of 60 percent of home loans. NAMB believes mortgage brokers will be singled out unfairly by the system, due to begin operations in 12 months.

All originators, not just brokers, should be covered by the system, the group believes. "It just doesn't make sense to include some and not others because all consumers should benefit regardless of the distribution channel chosen," says NAMB President Harry Dinham, a Plano, Texas, broker.

NAMB also maintains the amount of information that brokers will be required to submit will be burdensome and intrusive and make the database "ripe" for leaks of personal information.

Nevertheless, Timothy Doyle, vice president of the Conference of State Bank Regulators, says a national

licensing system "will make it easier for responsible mortgage companies to operate and harder for unethical companies to compete."

The conference, with the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators, is building the system so state regulators can work together more effectively in supervising licensees as they move from one jurisdiction to another.

The conference is a professional organization representing banking regulators in all 50 states. In 37 states, banking departments are also responsible for regulating the mortgage business as well as banks. The mortgage association represents mortgage regulators in all states, only one of which--Alaska--does not require brokers to be licensed.

The two organizations say a national licensing system is necessary for several reasons.

First, up to seven of 10 mortgages come from state-licensed companies.

Second, regulators are all but overwhelmed by a huge amount of licensing activity.

And third, most states are way behind in automating their systems.

The electronic system envisioned by the CSBR and AARMR coalition revolves around two products: a uniform application and renewal form, and a secured database to store the information collected on the applications.

The information will be enough for regulators to make sound decisions about applicants wishing to do business in their states.

Applicants will be able to create and store an application in the system, and use it to apply for a license anywhere.

And all states where they apply for a license or are licensed will see the same information.

"Licensees will have a single record that will stay with that licensee in perpetuity," Doyle says. "When a license is revoked in one state, other states where that entity is licensed will be alerted."

Consumer complaints won't be part of the system, but final adjudicated orders will be appended to that licensee's record for access not only by regulators but also the public.

The system is expected to go live in January 2008.

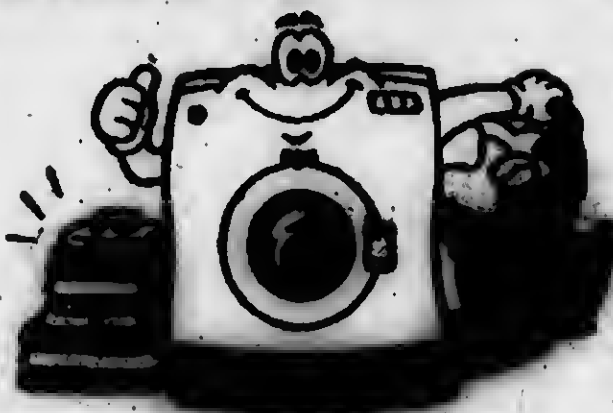
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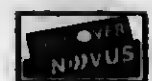
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## Worth approves non home rule ordinance

By Matt  
Mayer

The village board approved a request at the Worth Board of Trustees meeting for the village attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding the referendum to be placed on the April election ballot for a 1-percent non home rules sales tax referendum. A request by Mayor Ed Guzdziol for \$500 to host the Southwest Conference of Mayors business meeting on January 30 was approved. Guzdziol also stated that he would attend a meeting to gather information regarding the sale of the Water's Edge Golf course.

In other business: The board approved an ordinance pertaining to the 2006 property tax levy as well as a request from the park district regarding a special use permit form for the Illinois Liquor commission to show the Village and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District MWRD, which will come back to the village board meeting to acquire liquor commissioners approval. The police department will begin issuing tickets regarding overnight semi-truck parking at the CVS Pharmacy. March 23 and 24 was proclaimed YMCA candy days.



New commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago were recently sworn in. Picture from left to right are Patricia Hoton, Terrence J. O'Brien and Debra Shore.

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## Orland Park approved land acquisition

By Matt Mayer

In a continuing effort to reduce traffic congestion throughout the village, the Village Board approved the purchase of the property right away at 143rd and LaGrange Road where a Citgo/ 7-Eleven station is located. The acquisition of this parcel was a major factor in the widening of the intersection - the parcel, however, could pose a problem due to soil contamination, which has been confirmed from underground fuel tanks. The extent of the contamination has not been determined.

Also undetermined is whether the village or the property owner will assume the cost of the clean up. Even though the cost issues were not

decided, the acquisition was approved in order to keep the project on schedule. The purchase price of the parcel will be determined when an engineering consultant determines the clean up costs. There are a few more parcels the village needs to acquire before the project can commence. The 143rd and LaGrange Road is among one of the busiest intersections. The village is contributing \$4.3 million for land acquisition and construction as well as \$6.5 million for additional land acquisitions, which will be reimbursed by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The board approved a contract with KLOA to conduct an intersection and traffic design study.

## About the Tinley Park-Park District

The Tinley Park-Park District maintains over 400 acres of park lands and recreation facilities including its state of the art Bettenhausen Recreation Center, a full-service Fitness Center, and over 39 community park locations. The Tinley Park-Park District was established in 1967.

## Oak Forest approves collective bargaining agreement

By Matt Mayer

A collective bargaining agreement was approved at the Jan 9 Oak Forest City Council meeting the agreement between the City and the public works employees, who were represented by the Teamster Union Local 726. The agreement period is May 1, 2003 to April 30, 2006 and May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2009. The selected Workers Compensation insurance coverage option with the Illinois Public Risk fund was also approved.

Other highlights: A resolution request to authorize the filing of an application for the infrastructure maintenance fee litigation grant was approved as well as a

public works resolution for design engineering, construction engineering and construction of street improvements for the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) road program. An agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to award the 2007 MFT street program to Baxter and Woodman and a public works lease agreement with Proven Business Systems to replace a copy machine were also approved. No amounts were disclosed. A proclamation recognizing the 2007 Girl Scout Cookie Sales Program from January 14 to February 4 with delivery to customers on March 23 through March 25 was also approved. The next meeting is Jan 23.

## Orland school district 135 announces kindergarten registration dates

Orland School District 135 is welcoming parents for kindergarten registration on Tuesday, February 6, Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8 at the district's Administration Center at 15100 South 94th Avenue in Orland Park. Registration takes about 15 minutes to complete, and can be done from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day, with additional evening hours on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There are several documents parents must bring, which are used to establish custody, age and residency. A list of these documents can be found in the Administration Center and on the district website at [www.orland135.org](http://www.orland135.org). In addition to the required documents, parents will need to pay a fee by check or money order at the time of registration.

The child does not need to be present at the time of registration, but there are fun activities available for them, focused around this year's theme of a western round-up.

Any kindergarten registration questions should be directed to the Registration Office at 708-364-3323.

## Vegas Night 2007

Here we go again! Vegas Night 2007!!! There is blackjack, money wheels, roulette, Texas hold-um, music, drinks and lots of fun. The venue this year is 115 Bourbon Street on Friday night, January 26, 2007. St Bernadette fundraiser is for the athletic program and also a chance to get together with friends and neighbors for a great evening. Even if you don't gamble you will enjoy the fellowship and entertainment.

They are looking for a big turnout from parishioners, family and friends to help make this a successful evening. Tell everyone about it the support is greatly needed and appreciated. For information call Shawn at 708-423-1858.

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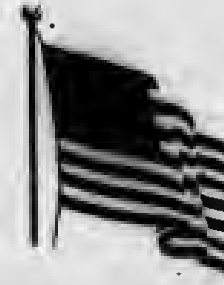
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## Mayor Sexton's Annual Family Flake Fest

Please come out and join Mayor Jim Sexton and the Village of Evergreen Park for the 4th Annual Family Flake Fest.

The event will take place at Yukich Field, 90th & Kedzie, on Friday February 9th from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. and Saturday February 10th from 10 a.m. - 4:00 pm with free skating from 2:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please bring the family out to enjoy this wonderful winter festivity that includes sleigh rides, magic shows, skating exhi-

bitions, Artie Kerr Hockey Clinic, crafts for the kids, LCMH's Teddy Bear Clinic, IAMRA dog sled rides, ice sculpting, and a visit from EPHS's Snow Queen and her court.

There is too much to be missed. Please join the Mayor for a great day. Events are held both outside and under heated tents. For more information call (708) 229-8219.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

## Oak Lawn Senior happenings

It's going to be a busy month at the Oak Lawn Senior Center. Along with all the regular daily activities some special programs have been planned. On Wednesday, February 14th a representative from Aetna Insurance will join us for an informative session about Medicare D. A local pharmacist will accompany the rep to answer any questions you may have about generic vs brand name drugs. The program begins at 10 am and refreshments will be served at its conclusion. Door prizes will also be raffled.

February 22nd is Box Lunch Day, sponsored by Southwest Center for Healthy Joints. Box Lunch Day is by ticket only and may be purchased for \$3.00 at the Senior Center. The program begins at 10:30 and you must be at the presentation to receive a lunch.

For your entertainment on Monday February 26, 2007 at 10:00 am, Nora Drysch will take you on a sentimental journey of the Big Band Era.

So mark your calendar for these important dates. For further information you may call the Center at 708-499-0240 or stop by to pick up a calendar of events at 5330 West 95th Street in Oak Lawn, IL.

## Hickory to sponsor preventative health screening for February Heart month

**HICKORY HILLS**  
Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W. 89th Place, has opened their doors to Life Line Screenings to host preventative health screenings for members of the community on Thursday, February 15, beginning at 9 a.m.

Screenings involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which can lead to a stroke; aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease. Additionally, offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

Typically, physicians do not order these tests without clear evidence of symptoms and currently Medicare and insurance plans do not cover these screenings that could cost patients from \$300 to \$1000 in out-of-pocket costs.

Most people who suffer from a stroke or aortic abdominal aneurysm never show any signs or symptoms that a major medical catastrophe is about to occur. Life Line screenings, held on a regular basis in the south side communities, find 8 to 10 percent of participants at risk out of 100. In August 2006 alone, a screening held at St. Denis Parish with 61 participants resulting in findings of one severe for Carotid Arterial Disease, three abnormal for Peripheral Arterial Disease, one abnormal

and one critical for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Disease.

The non-invasive, painless tests take about 10 minutes each and are offered for \$45 each or only \$129 for all four screenings. Patients are sent their results from Life Line and are referred to their physician, who may or may not recommend a yearly screening, for follow-up care. Pre-registration is required as there are a limited number of slots available. Call 1.800.324.1851 to make an appointment or for more information.

Additional Life Line Screenings, will be held at various sites in the community. Below are the upcoming dates and locations:

Thurs., March 15, 2007; Evergreen Health Care Center; 10124 S Kedzie, Evergreen Park

Sat., March 17, 2007; St. Denis Parish, 8300 S. St. Louis Ave., Chicago

About Life Line Screening  
Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 3 million people have been screened since the company's inception, and the goal remains to screen another 1 million in the next two years. All results are read by board certified physicians, and returned to the customer within 21 days. Should there be any abnormality detected, individuals are encouraged to take the information to their primary physician for follow-up care.



## Terrence O'Brien Honored

Cardinal Francis George recently honored Commissioner/President Terrence J. O'Brien of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for his outstanding contribution to the community. O'Brien has demonstrated devotion to social responsibilities and justice over the years as a public official.

The 16th Annual Seminary Salute to Labor, Business and Government featured a presentation of the Rerum Novarum Awards by Cardinal Francis George.

O'Brien expressed his gratitude when accepting the award and was delighted that the proceeds of the event will be given to St. Joseph College Seminary of Loyola University of Chicago for Scholarships.

Pictured with Cardinal Francis George are Commissioner O'Brien and his wife, Julia, with their children, Theresa and Patrick.

## Evergreen Park approves budget

By Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton announced at the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting that the village achieved a balance fiscal budget year. The fiscal year is from November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007. "Also due to strong economic growth, property tax increases are not to exceed 2-percent," Sexton said. The budget was unanimously approved. Sexton also announced that the village is close to negotiating a tenant for the former Franks Nursery and Crafts, which would most likely be a grocery store.

Sexton also presented awards for the village's annual business holiday decorating contest - the first place winner was Pizza Man Pizza, second place went to Blecker's Bowl, and third place went to Exclamations.

Other highlights: The board approved an ordinance to adopt the 2006 International Building Code, Residential Code, Mechanical Code and Energy Conservation code. The Chicago Plumbing and Electrical codes were also approved. A request from Red Wing Shoes to hold a sidewalk sale on May 5 and Sept. 29, was approved. The fire department received a grant for mobile data terminals for vehicles as well as a grant for the upgrade of ambulance equipment.



Pictured Mayor Sexton talks with two of Evergreen Park's newest residents about the village and all it has to offer.

## Mayor Sexton welcomes new residents to Evergreen Park

Mayor Sexton along with Village Clerk Cathy Aparo and the Village Trustees hosted a "welcome to the community" reception at the Hamilton Maher Community Center located at 3750 W. 97th St.

New residents listened to the officers of each area of government and the various

departments as they explained to them what it is they do and offer. The residents were then able to ask questions and voice their concerns regarding the Village of Evergreen Park. Afterward, there was mingling along with refreshments. The evening was a great success.

**Feb 20, 07 is our Health and Beauty issue, to advertise call 708-423-9754**



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## MSI brings back Body Works

by Marijo Doody

The latest Body Works exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) adds animals with PETA's ok. The exhibit with preserved human cadavers also has an eight-foot-tall plasticized camel.

The first traveling Body Works exhibit drew nearly 800,000 visitors to the MSI in 2006. Its current mission is knowledge of the human body and showing similarities between humans and other species indicated Dr. Angelina Whalley, exhibit designer.

Erin Edwards, spokesman for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) commented

"Including animals focus attention that humans and animals are made of exactly the same stuff-flesh, blood and bone." Preparing animals at the Body Works Plant in Germany took longer than human cadavers did. Both are dissected, dehydrated with immersion

in acetone, removal of acetone by vacuum in a tank, then the solvent is replaced with a polymer. The camel took a year to prepare indicated Whalley.

The exhibit function is to teach anatomy and offers some interesting facts:

1. It takes 20 of the face's 60 muscles to smile, and 40 to frown.

2. A human heart beats 3 billion times in a typical lifetime.

3. The surface area of the lungs is roughly the same size as a tennis court.

4. Adults eat more than 1000 pounds of food a year.

5. The biggest muscle in the human body is the buttock and the smallest is a thread-like muscle deep in the ear.

The current exhibit also features a horse. They are currently plasticizing an elephant. Body Works runs through March 23, 2007. Tickets are \$23 adults, \$19 seniors and \$12.75 children under 11.

## Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story returns

In a limited engagement from January 19 to March 11, 2007 Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story returns to Chicago at the Mercury Theater, located 3745 N Southport Avenue. It features music from the 50's including Peggy Sue; It's so Easy, That'll be the Day, and many more.

Buddy's directed and choreographed by former Broadway director Janet Louer. She won the Jeff Citation Award in 1992 when it was staged at Pegasus Players. Talented Chicago musician and singer Josh Solomon from Skokie recreate Holly's breathtaking performances. Louer raves about Solomon from his charm, talent, was born

to play the role of Holly and has a great future in music and a rising star.

Buddy captures the legends of the American musical history, a 1950's icon that reshaped the face of rock and roll. Holly was killed in a fatal plane crash along with two rock stars, The Big Bopper (JP Richardson) and Richie Valens.

The performances run Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5 and 8:30pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets run \$32.50-\$38.50. Senior (65) and student tickets for \$20 are available Wednesday and Thursday. The Mercury box office number is 773-325-1700.

## Oak Lawn Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold it's February meeting on Thursday, February, 22, 2007 at the Oakview Center from 9:30 to 12:00 at 4625 West 110th Street. Carol Wenzel will be our guest speaker and she will be discussing which native plants are suitable for your backyard. Hope to see you there. Guests are welcome.

Any questions please call Lynn Terri at 773-779-5685.

## Teens to Send Items to Military & K-9 Units Serving Overseas

ORLAND PARK, IL - The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission holds ongoing collections for military personnel serving overseas. The village's High School Recreation Advisory Committee is doing its part to help K-9 units serving in the United States military.

Called "Bruno Packs," the donation program provides snacks, treats, toys and goods for K-9 units abroad because they have limited access to every day items.

"Orland Park's High School Recreation Advisory Committee conducts a number of service projects throughout the year," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor LeeAnn Fisk, who created the group. "We've collected for military personnel in the past and these young adults are now doing what they can to help the dogs that are serving our country," she added.

On Saturday, February 10, high school students who serve on the village's committee will collect items at the Orland Hills PetSmart, 9277 West 159th Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Orland Park Teen Coordinator Janine Hozzian serves as the moderator for the committee.

"Bruno Packs sends care packages to K-9 units all over the world," she explained. "We're hoping that animal lovers who are visiting PetSmart on February 10 will buy an extra toy or treat that we can add to the Bruno Packs that we're putting together," Hozzian said.

Requested items for dogs include biscuits, dog treats (no pork or pig ears), jerky treats (no greenies or

rawhides), dog shampoo, dog conditioner, dog brushes, chew ropes, chew toys, baby wipes, bones, tennis balls, kings, eye/ear wipes for dogs, 'Working Dog' salves for paws/noses, towels to wipe paws, dog beds or pillows, dog boots and cooling vests.

On Saturday, February 17, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the teens will collect new items for military personnel in the Jane Barnes Annex of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

"The February 17 collection is for new items for service personnel, but we will accept donations for the dogs that day. We're also accepting cash contributions to help ship everything we collect," Hozzian explained.

New items needed for those serving include toilet paper; peanut butter (8 oz or less); disposable cameras; Ramen noodles; decks of playing cards; acetaminophen and ibuprofen; mints and gum NOT in foil wrapping; hard candy; anti-itch cream; Gold Bond Powder; multivitamins; power/granola bars; trail and dried fruit and cereal mixes; vacuum sealed foods; canned snack foods (Pringles, Doritos, etc); powdered cold drink mixes; individual coffee, tea and spiced cider packets; small plastic funnels; DVDs and CDs; sun block; baby wipes; pocket size Kleenex; gel insoles for boots; deodorant; fly swatters; laundry detergent tablets; and small cereal boxes and instant oatmeal packs.

Further information about the Orland Park High School Recreation Advisory Committee is available at 708/403-7275.

## Family Flake Fest

Friday and Saturday  
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Family Flake Fest times and events  
are subject to change with notice.

### Friday Festivities

- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Dotie the Clown/face painting
- 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- Professional Ice Skating Exhibition
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sleigh Rides
- 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- John Measner Magic Show
- 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Free Ice Skating

### Saturday Festivities

- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Artie Kerr Hockey Clinic (helmet and stick required)
- Meet Wolves Mascot "Skates"
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Speed Skating Classic (helmet required; all receive a shirt and ribbon)
- 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Ice Sculpting by Jim Long
- 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- IAPWA Dog Sled Rides
- 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- Crafts with Home Depot (until gone)
- 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.
- Children's Crafts (until gone)
- Face Painting
- Bake Sale
- 1:00 pm. to 2:00 p.m.
- Little Company of Mary's Teddy Bear Care Hospital
- EPCHS Snow Queen & Court
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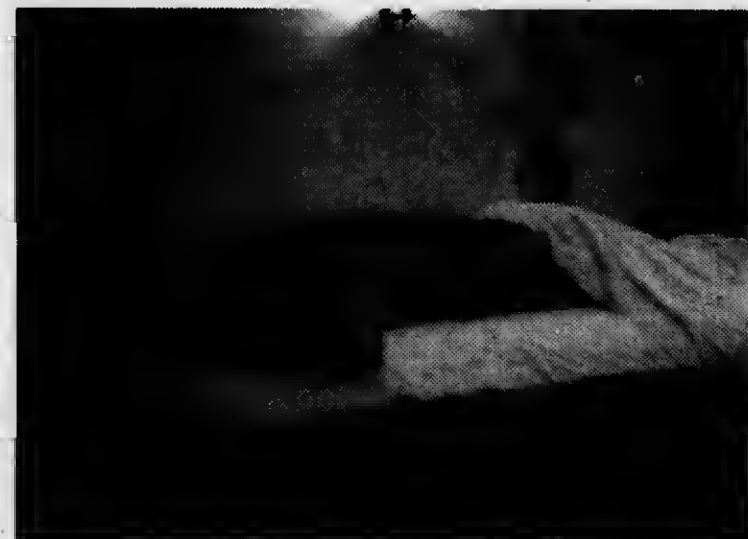
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CHICAGO - Symphony Center presents a special Valentine's Day concert by violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and guitarists Sérgio and Odair Assad on Wednesday, February 14 at 8 p.m. The trio's performance will bring to life works by composers including Bach, Bartók, Ginastera, and Piazzolla in a spirited program that intertwines traditional musical styles with Gypsy and folk song influences.

The collaboration between the Italian-born Salerno-Sonnenberg and the Brazilian Assad brothers began in 2000, when they recorded a collection of musical arrangements based on traditional and Gypsy folk tunes from around the world. Since then, the trio has made three highly successful tours of the United States, displaying their unique chemistry, amusing interplay and stunning virtuosity. In January 2003, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra premiered a triple concerto written for the trio by Sérgio Assad, and they joined the Seattle Symphony for performances of the work later that same year. The trio was also featured as soloists during an 18-city tour with the Orquestra de São Paulo.

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg is renowned for the electrifying performances, originality, musical depth and sensitive colorings of her interpretations. She is a favorite of today's greatest conductors and orchestras, and in demand by fellow artists for collaborations in performance and recordings.

During the 2006-07 season, Ms. Salerno-Sonnenberg's North American orchestral engagements include performances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Vancouver (BC) Symphony, Toledo Symphony Orchestra, as well as many others from coast to coast. Already an innovative force in the recording field, Ms. Salerno-Sonnenberg broke new ground in 2005 by creating her own record label, NSS MUSIC (nss-music.com), on which her newest release is "MERRY," a unique and original album of Christmas favorites. Ms. Salerno-Sonnenberg's phenomenal artistry is balanced by a naturalness and wry sense of humor that have served her well on camera, whether in a commercial for Signet Bank, hosting a Backstage/Live from Lincoln Center program for PBS, appearing in the PBS/BBC series The Mind, or talking to Big Bird on Sesame Street. She was the subject of the 2000 Academy Award-nominated film, Speaking in Strings, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

Brazilian-born brothers Sérgio and Odair Assad are one of today's preeminent guitar duos. Their exceptional artistry and uncanny ensemble playing are the result of the unique closeness of their musical upbringing. They have also been sought after as collaborators by such artists as Gidon Kremer, Yo-Yo Ma and Dawn Upshaw. The Assads began playing the guitar together at an early age and went on to study for seven years with classical guitarist and lutenist Monina Távora, a disciple of Andrés Segovia. Their international career began with a major prize at the 1979 young artists competition in

Bratislava. Now based in Brussels and in Chicago where Sérgio teaches at Roosevelt University, the Chicago College of Performing Arts they continue to perform regularly in Europe and Japan as well as in Brazil. The Assads have also recorded widely, primarily for the Nonesuch and GHA labels. In 2001 Nonesuch released "Sérgio and Odair Assad Play Piazzolla," which won a Latin Grammy in September 2002. Other recent duo CDs include an album of Baroque works and "Saga dos Migrantes" for Nonesuch. They have recorded Piazzolla discs with Gidon Kremer (Nonesuch) and Yo-Yo Ma (Sony Classical), the latter a Grammy Award winner in 1998.

Complete program information follows:

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ified stylist can give you a new color, perm, and style for your big day. She will make you have a new total look that will make you look gorgeous, and show off what you choose.

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The Hilton Oak Lawn will host the 3rd Annual Girls Great Escape Event designed to pamper and refresh the female spirit. The package includes an overnight stay, boutique shopping market, goody bag, wine tasting, yoga water aerobics, and a choice of spa treatment. There is a luncheon, fashion show, dinner with live entertainment and a breakfast buffet. Feb. 24 & 25, 2007

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Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7am to 1:45pm. Also the, The Hilton Coffee Corner will be brewing Starbuck Coffee and tantalizing Tazo Tea from 7am to 6pm.

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St. Joseph Issues.**

## Snow Flake Ball

(CHICAGO, Jan. 23, 2007) The Beverly Area Planning Association presents its 34th annual Snowflake Ball at Saint Xavier University, Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd St. (103rd Street at Central Park Avenue), Chicago, on Sat., Feb. 10, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 on the day of the event and include dance music by Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra and Saint Xavier University Jazz Band, hearty hors d'oeuvres and desserts; cash bar. Proceeds benefit the Beverly Area Planning Association, a not-for-profit community based organization founded in 1947. For tickets call 773-233-3100 or visit [www.bapa.org](http://www.bapa.org).

Transportation: CTA 53A-53AL, South Pulaski; Pace 382-383 West 103rd Street from South Pulaski.

## Party with the Plaid at McAuley

Inviting all Alumnae, Parents, Friends and Family to come out and have a HOWLING GOOD TIME at Mother McAuley High School, Party with the Plaid on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Featured that evening will be the famous dueling piano performers from Howl at the Moon.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Mass in the auditorium by Father Michael Foley, Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, and music by the McAuley Choir. Mass will be followed by a short 20 minute performance by current McAuley students of "Why We Tell the Story".

At 7:00 pm, enjoy an array of delicious food provided by Chuck's Southern Comforts Café in Burbank, grab a drink from the bar and place your bid on one of the various silent auction items including nearly two dozen hand-painted bar stools. Don't miss the fun at 8 p.m. when Howl at the Moon dueling pianos provides two hours of sing along entertainment. Special thanks to Kinsella Landscaping, Inc. for sponsoring the Howl at the Moon performance.

McAuley is also raffling off a four day weekend stay at Sunset Point in Eagle River, Wisconsin. The recently renovated, privately owned establishment would make a perfect getaway for a family or group of friends. The coach-

house has 6 bedrooms with 4 queen beds and 4 twin beds, along with a sleeper sofa in the living room. Raffle tickets are \$25 a piece or 5/\$100 and available online at [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org) or at the event.

Party with the Plaid, open to anyone 21 and older, will be held at Mother McAuley, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door and include dinner and entertainment with a cash bar. Visit [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org) for tickets and information.

Special invitation goes to members of the McAuley Class of 1986. There will be a special gathering of your classmates that evening to celebrate your 20th year reunion. Call McAuley's Alumnae Office at 773-881-6565 for more information.

The Party with the Plaid committee includes Chairperson Jodi Farrell '84, Mary Carberry Black '79, Jennifer Ligda Busk '93, Laura Dombro '87, Diane Fitzgibbons '66, Patti O'Donnell Hoeksema '72, Anita Hutcherson '92, Linda Balchunas Jandacek '84, Mariellen O'Donnell Kill '74, Sallie, Wiechern King '68, Winnie Gardner Ligda '59, Marion McFarland '55, Therese Cummings O'Halloran '75, Kim Carlson Patton '82, Laura Shallow '75.

## About the Tinley Park-Park District

The Tinley Park-Park District maintains over 400 acres of park lands and recreation facilities including its state of the art Bettenhausen Recreation Center, a full-service Fitness Center, and over 39 community park locations. The Tinley Park-Park District was established in 1967.

## Hickory Hills Park District hosts preschool open house

On Thursday February 22nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. the preschool teachers will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE, at Cynthia Neal Rec. Center, 8047 W. 91st Place.

Open House is for those parents wishing to enroll their child in the little learners or the bright beginnings program for the first time.

An informational pamphlet on our Preschool Program will be available that night or call 598-1233 to have one mailed.

## Hotel and employee garage sale

The Hilton Oak Lawn is hosting a Hotel and Employee Garage Sale in the Hotel Ballroom. Sunday February 18, 2007. Sale starts at 9am to 4pm. Some of the items to be sold include some small furniture, bathroom items, floral, baskets, dishes, silver, linens, gift shoppe items plus much much more.

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## NumAstrology

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**Jacki Mari and Alyn**  
**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:**

For all Signs for February 6th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and Telafrind

Remembering Pres. Ronald Reagan

**Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th** of any sign & Leo: You just might have a most unusual psychic experience this week. Write it down, keep it. M aids.

**Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th** of any sign & Cancer: This is a week of total wonderment & happier times for you. Be happy, it's long overdue.

**Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th** of any sign & Sagittarius: F & R are soon involved in your financial plans. You'll feel more secure.

**Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st** of any sign & Capricorn: Relax, you don't have to be a POD [performer on demand] for anyone! Say it, mean it.

**Born on the 5th 14th 23rd** of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Read the above message & add this: some people really want to "control" you.

**Born on the 6th 15th 24th** of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Read the #1 message & add this: it may come to you in a dream or as a hunch.

**Born on the 7th 16th 25th** of any sign & Aquarius: Look inside yourself before going outside yourself for the truth of what is happening to you.

**Born on the 8th 17th 26th** of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: The week is taking on an aura of enlightenment, better health, winnings & romance.

**Born on the 9th 18th 27th** or any sign & Pisces: You are not able to say for sure where you got the insightfulness you suddenly have. Just enjoy & keep track of it.

Have a Confidential Psychic Session with me [my Psychic Impressions are usually looking ahead 6 to 12 months, and sessions are taped for your later recall]. We do Hypnotherapy for most any problem area. Psychic Counseling is also available.

For 1 or 2 questions go online to ePSYCHICAnswers in JackiMari.Com. Psychic House Parties [Host/Hostess can be free]. Call 708-597-5866 for information.

It's Wednesdays at 7 pm for my Psychic-Self-Development Class. Learn about All Things Paranormal at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] as well as Mini-Psychic Sessions Monday Feb 26th. Mini-Psychic Sessions also at the Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Feb 19th from 7 pm. Walk-ins welcome.

I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only]. I am Available for Speaking Engagements.

### Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers Predictions

The very word "prediction" indicates something that has not happened but could...okay, does this mean that the predictions are personal choice? No! Predictions come from within, which makes them a "psychic sense." "Psychic" is a "something" that has nothing whatsoever to do with a person's personal wishes or hopes. In a brief interview recently with a reporter about the Super Bowl & the Bear's Rex Grossman & the Colt's Peyton Manning, I was somewhat asked which team would win. I did not answer that question because it is a game of skill & would only be a 50/50 accuracy for me. I like higher odds. I was also asked who I personally liked...

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Chicago Botanic Garden hosts Calling all volunteer opportunity fair, March 4-5

GLENCOE, Ill. (Jan. 30, 2007) - Current and prospective volunteers at the Chicago Botanic Garden are invited to learn more about how they can become an integral part of this world-renowned public garden in 2007.

The Volunteer Opportunity Fair will be held in the Garden's Regenstein Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 and Monday, March 5. Attendees can meet informally with staff and current volunteers to learn about opportunities to help the Garden both indoors and out. Light refreshments will be served.

"The Chicago Botanic Garden is a wonderful place for volunteers to make a contribution to their community, form new friendships, learn new skills and have

fun," said Judy Cashen, manager, Volunteer Services. "At any given time, volunteers can be found helping in display gardens, native habitats, greenhouses, research labs, offices, shops, classrooms, the library and special events."

The Chicago Botanic Garden has more than 1,000 volunteers who contribute their time and talents to help the Garden do its work. In 2005, these dedicated individuals donated nearly 90,000 hours of volunteer service. For more information on volunteer opportunities, call (1-847) 835-8392, or visit [www.chicagobotanic.org/volunteer](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/volunteer) <<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/volunteer>>.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity



### COOKING BY CROCK POT

kathywhirity@yahoo.com.

It was a meal that tasted as if it was created somewhere in the kitchens of heaven. No need for a knife for this chicken breast broke apart with the touch of the fork. The cubed potatoes also deliciously reminded me of fine cuisine. After this flavorful feast there was one thing I felt compelled to do. I looked into the empty remains of my newly purchased crock pot and asked out loud - Where have you been all my life?!

In thirty years of preparing dinners - of baking hams, frying pork chops, and broiling chicken and steaks, I never once realized, in those days of basting and stirring, that there was an easier way of doing things.

Oh I owned a small crock pot, but it was only used to keep meatballs warmed at parties.

But, as a useful cooking tool? I had no idea.

When my dear sister-in-law, Marie, started touting it's praises I began to pay attention. This one pot cooking has turned out to be my cup of tea.

6:00A.M. the ingredients that equal a scrumptious meal are added into the porcelain pot.

All day long it simmers, producing a home cooked aroma that renders a deception of someone slaving over a stove all day.

My most prized possession is now a crock pot cookbook that my sister gifted me with this past Christmas. In the wonderful world of cooking I've been born again! The other day I had to e-mail my pal, Gracie, and share with her my new found, no fuss, cooking discovery.

She replied with smiley faces dotting the screen and a simple question, 'Where have YOU been?! Throughout her e-mail she reminisced about her days of being a single mom and the life saving joy of crock pot cooking.

Where have I been is right! To think of the hours I could have saved myself, in the kitchen, when the girls were growing up. Well, no use crying over cooked casseroles. My new motto is: If it isn't crock pot compatible, it isn't being served in my kitchen.

When the kids went off to college it was, more often than not, dinner for two at the neighborhood restaurant. I thought my apron wearing days were over.

Now the girls have flown the coop and I'm looking forward to creating a medley of new meals in my middle age years.

I've recently passed down the mini crock pot to my youngest daughter. It's a whole new generation of being Betty Crock pot equipped.

Bill and I are enjoying more dinners for two at home. A varied scent of simmering goodness greets him at the door most nights.

I may be a late bloomer to the all day cooking craze, but I'm becoming a quick learner.

Marie and I are now vying for the title, queen of crock pot concoctions.

I have a wee bit of catching up to do.

Here is a simple recipe taken from the crock pot cookbook 'Fix It and Forget It', By: Dawn J Ranck and Phyllis Pellman Good

#### LEMON HONEY CHICKEN

1 Lemon

1 whole roasting chicken - rinsed

1/2 cup orange juice

1/2 cup honey

Pierce lemon with fork. place in chicken cavity.

Place chicken in slow cooker. Combine orange juice and honey and pour over chicken.

Cover. cook on low 8 hours. Remove lemon and squeeze over chicken. Carve chicken and serve.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Avoid fruits and nuts. You are what you eat. (Jim Davis.)

## Chicago Symphony chorus to hold auditions for 2007-2008 season

Deadline to secure audition appointment is February 26, 2007

CHICAGO ~ Chicago-area vocalists are invited to audition for the 2007-2008 season of the Chicago Symphony Chorus. All voice parts are welcome. Auditions will be held March 6 through 18, at Symphony Center, 220 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Callbacks will be held on March 28 through April 2.

The critically acclaimed Chicago Symphony Chorus is a Grammy Award-winning, 180-voice ensemble composed of the finest Chicago-area vocalists, directed by Duain Wolfe. During the 2007-2008 season, the Chorus will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

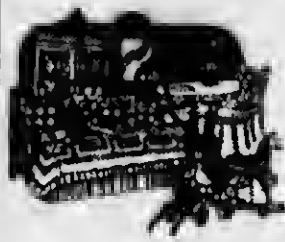
Each year, the Chicago Symphony Chorus performs between 15 and 20 concerts with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at its home in Symphony Center.

In the past several years, the Chorus has also performed at the Ravinia Festival, in Carnegie Hall and at the Berlin Festtage.

Audition candidates must come prepared with two pieces illustrating contrasting styles, one in English and the other in a foreign language. Each selection should be no longer than three minutes in length. Auditions will include sight-reading, and an accompanist will be provided. Auditions are by appointment only; the deadline for audition applications is February 26, 2007. For more information, please e-mail chorus@csco.org or call (312) 294-3501. Audition information and an online application are available at [www.cso.org/chorusauditions](http://www.cso.org/chorusauditions) <<http://mle.net/c?58786923-X9vBRW9Qs4GQI%402221894-MqGWuzYrvW/Jg>>.

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## Tinley Park Library news

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Public Library and the Chicago Wolves present the Winter Reading Club for children in grades 1 to 12. Read four books or read for four hours in four weeks to earn prizes. Registration is in progress. The last day to register is February 22. The reading club ends March 1. A Chicago Wolves player will make a personal appearance on Wednesday, February 28 at 7pm. For details or to register, call the Youth Services Department at 708-532-0160 ex 5732 or mail in an application.

The Tinley Park Library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

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## Chicago to Host National Women's Heart Day Health Fair

On Friday, February 16, 2007, thousands of area women can find out if they are at risk for heart disease with a free health screening and consultation at the annual National Women's Heart Day Health Fair in Chicago's Merchandise Mart, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza. The event is in the Luxehome space of the Mart from 8am to 3pm.

The event includes medical panel discussions, healthy heart cooking, fitness demonstrations, interactive exhibits and more. The Sister to Sister Foundation stages the fair - Everyone Has A Heart Foundation, Inc. Because women's cardiovascular health tends to be treated less aggressively, the Foundation stresses that education and early detection of risk factors are urgently needed in order to save lives.

The screenings will measure body mass index, test blood pressure, blood glucose, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels. At last year's event, 40% of the participants discovered they had two or more risk factors for heart disease. Medical professionals will provide information on heart disease risk factors such as diabetes, obesity, smoking and stress. Many were unaware that a third of American women will die of heart disease.

President of the Foundation, Irene Pollin indicated "women can lower their risk by up to 82% through diet, exercise and not smoking". The Health Fair offers them hundreds of suggestions for taking charge of their own health. For further information visit the web at [www.sistertosister.org](http://www.sistertosister.org).

## Shedd Aquarium news

Shedd Aquarium celebrated Bella's six-month birthday with a week of free admission during January. Bella is the beluga calf who was mesmerized by the nation when ABC's Good Morning America enlisted the help of its network in naming the calf. Bella is in the Shedd's Oceanarium.

The special exhibit Lizards and the Kamado will feature the first Kamado dragon to visit Chicago. It is 8 feet long and weighs more than 130 pounds. The Wild Reef exhibit is now a main attraction.

Shedd Aquarium hours are 9am-5pm on weekdays and 9am-6pm on weekends. An all access pass for adults is \$15 and \$10 for seniors and children. The Wild Reef exhibit charge is \$10 (A) and \$5 (S & C). It is located 1200 S Lake Shore Drive. It is accessible to public transportation.

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## Activities Moraine Valley Community Fine Arts Center

In February the following events are being held at the Moraine Valley Community Fine Arts Centers. The venues are called the Dorothy Menker Theater or John & Angeline Oremus Theater. On February 1-3 'You Can't Take it With You' of Moss Hart and George Kaufman is a Pulitzer-prize-winning comedy. Performances are at 7:30pm and 3pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$10 seniors and stu-

dents.

On February 12 at 7:30pm is a 1940's Musical Revue, 'In The Mood' with the big band orchestra, singers and dancers. Tickets are \$25 adults and \$20 seniors and students.

On February 17 a play celebrating the life of Sojourner Truth by Sandra Asher is performed for young audiences. The play is called 'A Woman Called Truth.' Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 child and the performance is at 11am.

## Educate yourself about charity fraud

Educate yourself about charity fraud-don't become a victim indicates the United States Postal Inspection Service in a recent mailing. It is protecting the American consumer for more than 200 years by ensuring the integrity of the US Mail.

The charity fund prevention message comes to one from the US Postal Inspection Services for investigating fraudulent activities conducted via the US Mail. Fraudulent charities use sweepstakes pitches to induce consumers to donate their hard-earned money. The charity often gives donors the false impression they won a cash prize of were a pre-select winner of a sweepstake contest.

Postal Inspectors encourage you to be sure you're donating to a legitimate charity. If you are in doubt, contact the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance. Their number is 703-276-0100 and their web site is [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

Charity fraud prevention tips cited by the US Postal Inspection Services for investigating fraudulent activities are as follows:

1. Ask for written information about the charity-a legitimate charity will give you its mission statement, how your donation will be used and proof the contribution is tax deductible.

2. Make checks payable to an organization only-never to an individual.

3. Be suspicious of solicitors who say they will accept a cash donation. (Con artists prefer cash so there will be no paper trail).

4. Watch out for similar sounding names. Some phony charities use names that closely resemble those of respected, legitimate organizations.

5. If you receive a charity 'sweepstakes' promotion stating you are a pre-selected winner, read all the contest rules and explanations to avoid being disappointed by the outcome.

6. Watch out for catch phrases like "Award Notification" or "Important Notice."

For more information or to report a questionable organization, visit our web site at [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors).

The Better Business Bureau has issued a warning to residents of Chicago and Rockford about a scam in the Publisher Clearing-House Sweepstakes. They requested to send money. The party was a Jeff Bell.

Horton warned if someone masquerading as a BBB employee call, the office at 312-832-0500 and contact local authorities contacted you.

## Saint Xavier University to hold Presidents' Day campus visit Feb. 19. Prospective freshmen invited to attend

Chicago (Feb. 1, 2007) - Prospective freshmen and their families are invited to attend Saint Xavier University's Presidents' Day campus visit beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, in the Shannon Center, located on the Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to take campus tours and enjoy refreshments. Representatives from the offices of admission, financial aid and campus life, as well as student leaders from campus organizations will be present to discuss oppor-

tunities at Saint Xavier.

To register or for more information, contact the Office of Admission at (773) 298-3050 or visit <http://www.sxu.edu/admission/presidentsday.asp>.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846, Saint Xavier University was the first Mercy college in the United States and is Chicago's oldest Catholic university. Serving approximately 5,700 students at its campuses in Chicago, Orland Park and its Loop location, the University offers 35 undergraduate majors; more than 40 graduate program options in arts and sci-

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## Open house at Trinity School

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., begins its open registration for the 2007-2008 school year on Monday, February 12, 2007. Registration will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on a first come/first serve basis.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state licensed preschool for three and four year olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop their social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, please call Cathy Cépican, Director at 708-422-0193.

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## The Princesses are back

by Marijo Doody

The audience was filled with little Belle's, Snow White's, Sleeping Beauty's and Cinderella's. The timeless tale of seven inspiring princesses celebrates the power of wishes in the Chicago engagement of Disney On Ice's presentation 'Princesses Wishes' currently in production at the United Center through February 11.

The inspiring tale recreates defining moments when seven Disney princesses' wishes are fulfilled, imaginations soar and anything can happen if you just believe. Make a wish; watch the magic begin with Tinker Bell as the guide. Travel with Jasmine, Belle, Ariel, anything is possible when you dream.

A former Disney On Ice skater Cindy Stuart is the creative force behind movement. She also choreographed other Disney productions. She worked with seven pair teams of world-class skaters to create the awe-inspiring duets on the ice. Personalities of each princess were studied to create movement.

Ilona Somogyi designed costumes. In creating 'Under the Sea' numbers; fun-filled created fish characters were tongue-in-cheek, starfish ladies were inspired by Carmen Miranda, pink and blue fish inspired by Elvis Presley's Las Vegas years and lobsters by Maitre D's too shows. Costumes had to be designed to accommodate the fluid skating movements. She also indicated inspiration came from all the little girls that dress up as their favorite Disney Princesses for the production.

Field Entertainment produces the show. The skating is excellent, piped music adequate, costuming exquisite and scenery breathing. It is a show for boys and girls of all ages. Tickets are \$13-\$25 at the United Center box office at 312-455-4500. There are night's shows and some day shows on Thursday-Sunday. To learn more about Disney On Ice visit the web [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com).

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## Chicago Opera Theater announces 2007-spring season

The Chicago Opera Theater (COT) has announced tickets are now on sale for the spring season. COT's productions include 'The Return of the Ulysses' by Claudio Monteverdi on March 28, 30, April 1, 5 and 7. Jane Glover is the conductor.

A dual bill of 'Duke Bluebeard's Castle' and 'Erwartung' with music by Bela Bartok and Arnold Schonberg is scheduled May 9, 13, 15 and 19. Conductor is Alexander Platt. Renowned bass, Samuel Ramey, is in the production in his only Chicago appearance this year.

The third production is 'Beatrice et Benedict' of Hector Berlioz on May 23, 25, 31 and June 2. The conductor is Jan Latham-Koenig.

Individual tickets range from \$35-\$120 and Season Subscriptions range from \$90-\$345 and include all productions. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.chicagooperatheater.org](http://www.chicagooperatheater.org). The phone charge number is 312-704-8414. COT performs at The Harris Theatre for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 East Randolph Drive.

## Remy Bumppo

Remy Bumppo concludes its 10th season with a production of "Mrs Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw from March 7 through April 22, 2007 in the Upstairs Main Stage Theatre at Victory Gardens Greenhouse Theatre, 2257 N Lincoln.

Censored for eight years before finally being produced in 1902, Shaw's provocative comedy illuminates the struggle for women to obtain a decent standard of living versus the choice of morally acceptable roads to that goal.

"Mrs Warren's Profession" stars Remy Bumppo Artistic Associates Annable Armour and Joe Van Slyke. Other Chicago actors are featured. Tickets at \$24-\$40 are on sale at the box office at 773-871-3000. In conjunction with the production is a literary lecture on March 18 at 1:30pm. The lecture ticket is \$10

## Doubt is what is unsaid

by Marijo Doody

John Patrick Stanley's Tony Award winning play is currently playing at The LaSalle Bank Theatre in the Broadway in Chicago 2007 series. The play's setting is in the 1960's with four characters, a priest, two sisters and a black child's mother.

Actress, Cherry Jones recreates her Tony Award Winning role as Sister Aloysius, the principal at St. Nicholas Catholic school. Her performance is riveting! The times were when black students were just coming into a white school, when the clergy were "king" and could do no wrong.

Sister Aloysius had married, was widowed, entered a religious community, is now mid-aged and very opinionated. Father Flynn, played by Chris Mc Garry is a somewhat modern priest for that time. The play is riveting, thought provoking, and deems much discussion and various opinions.

Fr. Flynn befriends the only black boy in the school as he feels he needs a friend in the hostile environment.

Sister Aloysius in her headstrong manner feels that Father Flynn is inappropriate with the boy. Sister Aloysius calls in the boy's mother, marvelously played by Caroline Stephanie Clay, to vent her undocumented comments on Father Flynn's behavior. The boy's mother bears her soul on her son's

lonely life in other schools. What is not said there is now more evident.

Father's interaction with Sister Aloysius is most interesting in the old and new school regarding the Christmas program, like a secular song, how to teach students and the like. Was Father Flynn guilty of molestation? Sister Aloysius said she contacted Father's last parish. She lied! In the end Father Flynn leaves!

In the play's timing, the Catholic Church was in modernization under Pope John XXIII and the parish was ethnic white. Doubt is an intimate play in a big setting with universal themes, tension, humor, pain, anger and soul searching.

The recent and current scandalous revelations about the behavior of Catholic Priests and the lack of action by superiors only adds fuel to the play. Of course in the play, Father Flynn's superior stood by him. Was it the good old boys network? Was Sister Aloysius, because she was married before a sister, knowledgeable, or was she just mad in her midyears because she was losing power in the school?

The play's name is Doubt and that it was! It was well done and should be seen. Doubt runs through January 28 at the LaSalle Bank Theatre. The box office number is 312-902-1400.

## Cirque Du Soleil

Cirque Du Soleil presents live arena event Delirium at Chicago's United Center February 17-19. Tickets are currently on sale. They are \$39.50-\$125 plus applicable fees. The United Center box office is 312-455-4500, online at [www.LiveNation.com](http://www.LiveNation.com) or [www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com). There are four performances. Musicians, singers and dancers transform the arena into joyous frenzy. Creators of the event are Michael Lemieux and Victor Pilon.

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The Evergreen Park Fire Department encourages residents with fireplaces in their homes to follow these

fire safety tips:

- Have your fireplace and chimney inspected annually
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, flammable material and decorations
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces, leave glass doors open while burning a fire
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote build-up
- Build small fires that

burn completely and produce less smoke

- Never burn cardboard boxes or trash in your fireplace
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house
- Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home

For further information on home fire safety contact the public education division at 708/422-2148.

## February 17 and 18, 2007 Cat show and Feline Fair.

Lincoln State Cat Club, Inc. presents it's 47th annual All-Breed and Household Pet cat show featuring a gallery of purebred cats and numerous vendors of cat related items. An Education Ring features speakers on many cat related health and wellness topics. There will be veterinarians, pet behavior counselors, and groomers as well as many other speakers of interest to the feline lover. New this year is a Feline Agility Trial, open to all cats, not just those entered in the show. For information on entering your pet contact Stan Grzonka, lsc2007@earthlink.net. All proceeds from the show are donated to feline health and

welfare organizations. For a map and discount coupon see our web-site [www.lscats.org](http://www.lscats.org).

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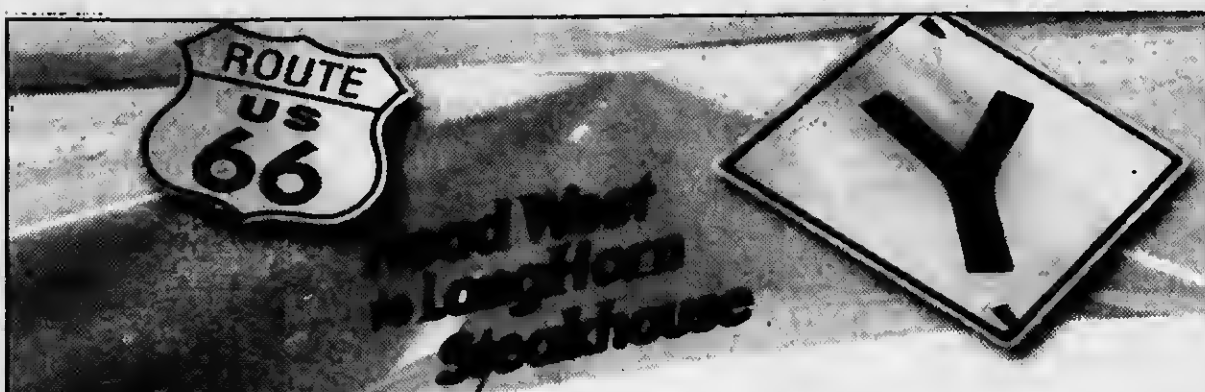
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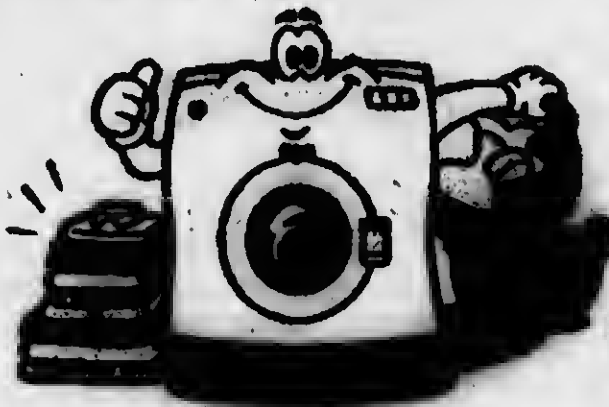
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## Avila to address O.W.L.S

Commissioner Frank Avila, with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Lutheran

Seniors), Thursday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, 14700 S. 94th Ave., Orland Park. Arlette Zimmerman, announced that the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD. Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Ill., Champaign-Urbana and a Master of Science from the University of Arizona.



## JUNIOR JAMMERS BASKETBALL PROGRAM OFFERED

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 17, 2007 - The Tinley Park-Park District will be hosting an instructional basketball program for 1st and 2nd graders on Saturdays from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm beginning February 10, 2007. This program will be a continuation from the Fall Junior Jammers program, but new participants are always welcome. The program will be held at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, and will run through March 10. The registration fee is \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents, and includes a Junior Jammers t-shirt. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

## Park approves Convention Center Contract

By Matt Mayer

The village board approved a contract at the Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting with HVS Convention Sports and Entertaining Facilities Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$71,500, to perform a market study of the Tinley Park Convention Center. This was discussed and recommended for approval at a Finance and Economic Development Committee, which was held on December 19. The study includes inspection of the facility, site and review of the physical operation of the convention center including site access and surrounding land uses as they relate to the facility.

The consultant will also interview local chamber of commerce representatives, convention and visitor bureau representatives, economic development agencies and other organizations as well as additional identification of statistical market data relating to general economic and demographic trends, which reflects trends in growth stability or decline for future demand for the convention center, as well as possible expansion of the facility.



## Orland Park Tiger Cub Scouts Meet Mayor McLaughlin

The members of Orland Park Tiger Cub Scout Den #1, Pack 383 visited Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall to learn about local government. Pictured with Mayor Dan McLaughlin are Kruse School First Graders (l to r) Mikey Ryan, Timmy Klotz, Belal Jaber, Mikey Harms, Nick Redman, Mitch Redman and Matt Palubin.

## Crime free multi-housing program training

On January 24th 2007 the Oak Forest Police Department will be conducting the first phase of training for our new Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. This will be the first of three training opportunities for rental property owners.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a police-sponsored program that is designed to address and reduce the crime problems in rental properties. This program has been used effectively in over 1,700 communities across the United States and in Canada. Oak Forest will be the first municipality to institute the program in the south suburban area.

The first phase of training is an 8 hour course and will be conducted at the Oak Forest City Council Chambers located at 15440 S. Central and begin promptly at 8:00 am.

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## Girl's fastpitch windmill training

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 17, 2007 - The Tinley Park-Park District will be hosting a girl's fast pitch windmill training program on Saturdays beginning February 10. The program will be held at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street through March 3. Level I is offered from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and

is for beginners age 9 - 11. Level II is offered from 4:00 - 5:00 pm and is for intermediate and advanced pitchers age 11 - 14. Level I will cover the basic skills and pitchers will learn controlled and aggressive pitching, proper grip, fielding bunts and other basics. Level II will include instruction on a variety of change-ups,

curveballs, pitch location, how to "set up" the batters and other techniques. Girls enrolling in Level II should have at least four games or 20 innings of pitching experience. The resident fee is \$40 and non-resident fee is \$60. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

## Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 announces father/son cake bake winners

Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 held its annual Father/Son Cake Bake in mid-January. Wolf Michael Kowalczyk (front left) and his dad, Joe, won the award for "Most Scrumptious Cake." Webelo Matthew Het

zler (center seated) and his dad, Assistant Webelo Den Leader Dave Hetzler, won for "Most Scout Like" and Wolf Kyle Swims (seated, right) and his dad, Wolf Leader Dave Swims, won the honors for "Most Creative Cake."



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Pictured Village Clerk Bonnie Price swearing in Chief David Hopkins

## Village of Worth - new Fire Chief

The Village of Worth is pleased to announce the hiring of a new full time Fire Chief David Hopkins. Chief Hopkins comes to the Village of Worth with strong team leadership and organizational capabilities with many years experience in fire service management including a Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University. Chief Hopkins was a Battalion Chief with the Algonquin Fire Protection District.

## Events at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State

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The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble presents a program on Sunday, February 11 at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. The ensemble combines centuries-old authentic dances with folk music performed by the world-renowned Gypsy Orchestra that provides a rare treat of Hungary's rich artistic traditions. The performance is at 4pm and tickets are \$35-\$44. The box office number is 708-235-2222.

South Africa's National treasure, Ladysmith Black Mambazo brings its extraordinary harmonies back on February 17 at 8pm. The ten-member vocal ensemble combines the intricate rhythms and harmonies of their native South African music traditions with sounds and sentiments of Christian gospel music.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo has recorded with Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, The Corrs, Ben Harper and George Clinton. Their first Grammy was with Paul Simon in 1988. They have recorded 40 albums, appeared on TV, on Broadway and their music has been heard in many films, including Disney's Lion King.

In honor of their performance a South African Dinner Buffet will take place at 6pm. Reservation tickets are \$30. For show and dinner tickets call the box office at the number above. The performance is at 8 pm and tickets are \$35-\$44.

World-renowned Theatre Lirico D'Europa returns to the CPA with Bizet's timeless opera Carmen on February 18 at 4pm. Tickets are \$35-\$44. Theatre Lirico D'Europa was formed in 1988 by a former Bulgarian opera singer Giorgio Lalov and to date has sung over 3000 performances worldwide and has had seven American tours.

There is a free pre-performance talk by Lyric Opera Education Associate Jesse Gram that will take place at 3pm in Engbretson Hall. Call the above number for tickets for the performance. The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University is located at One University Parkway in University Park. Parking is free.

## The Princesses are back

by Marijo Doody

The audience was filled with little Belle's, Snow White's, Sleeping Beauty's and Cinderella's. The timeless tale of seven inspiring princesses celebrates the power of wishes in the Chicago engagement of Disney On Ice's presentation 'Princesses Wishes' currently in production at the United Center through February 11.

The inspiring tale recreates defining moments when seven Disney princesses' wishes are fulfilled, imaginations soar and anything can happen if you just believe. Make a wish; watch the magic begin with Tinker Bell as the guide. Travel with Jasmine, Belle, Ariel, anything is possible when you dream.

A former Disney On Ice skater Cindy Stuart is the creative force behind movement. She also choreographed other Disney productions. She worked with seven pair teams of world-class skaters to create the awe-inspiring duets on the ice. Personalities of each princess were studied

to create movement.

Ilona Somogyi designed costumes. In creating 'Under the Sea' numbers; fun-filled created fish characters were tongue-in-cheek, starfish ladies were inspired by Carmen Miranda, pink and blue fish inspired by Elvis Presley's Las Vegas years and lobsters by Maitre D's too shows. Costumes had to be designed to accommodate the fluid skating movements. She also indicated inspiration came from all the little girls that dress up as their favorite Disney Princesses for the production.

Field Entertainment produces the show. The skating is excellent, piped music adequate, costuming exquisite and scenery breathing. It is a show for boys and girls of all ages. Tickets are \$13-\$25 at the United Center box office at 312-455-4500. There are night's shows and some day shows on Thursday-Sunday. To learn more about Disney On Ice visit the web [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com).

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## Representative Lipinski votes to make college more affordable

Washington, D.C. - Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives to help pass H.R. 5, legislation that will make college more affordable and accessible by cutting the interest rate on subsidized undergraduate student loans in half. The bill, which was cosponsored by Representative Lipinski, will reduce the interest rate on student loans from 6.8% to 3.4% over the next five years.

"As a former professor I know how critical a college education is, and I also know how expensive it has be-

come," said Lipinski. "This bill will provide significant help in making college more affordable for millions of students."

In the state of Illinois there are 128,765 four-year college students with subsidized student loans, all of whom would benefit from this bill. Once fully phased in, this would save the average four-year college student in Illinois \$4,510 over the life of their loans.

The bill is fully paid for by making modest reductions in certain lender and guaranty agency subsidies in or-

der to make the student loan program more efficient and effective for students and for American taxpayers.

"Making college more affordable is particularly important at a time when the costs of attending college continue to skyrocket," said Lipinski. "In the new Congress, we must do everything possible to address rising costs so that no qualified student is prevented from going to college because of the price. Our action today will make a real difference in the lives of college students in Illinois and throughout the nation."



Pictured L to R: Kathryn Cargill, Sandra Wagner, Len Weislo, Steve Bell

## Palos players

The Palos Village Players will present 1 LOVE, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE, a musical by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts, at 8 PM February 23, 24 and March 2, 3 and 2PM February 25 in the little theater of Palos South Middle School, 131st and 82nd Ave. in Palos Park. According to director Lori Nussle (Palos Park), it is a musical comedy revue about everything you have secretly thought about romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-law, but were afraid to admit. The PVP production is the first non-equity presentation in the Chicago area. Prior to this, LOVE had a successful four-year professional run in Chicago, near-north theater district. The ensemble cast includes Laura Stack (Chicago), Ellen Micotto

(Hinsdale), Steve Hoxworth and Laurie Videka Krizka (Homer Glen), David Bell (Justice), Ken Evans (Oak Forest), Kathryn Cargill and Carol Kearney (Palos Heights), Len Weislo (Palos Hills) and Sandra Wagner (Tinley Park). The musical director is professional percussionist George Machay of Hinsdale, the assistant director is Peg Crawford (Palos Heights) and the producer is JoAnn Robertson of Orland Park.

Tickets are \$15 with a \$2 discount for seniors and students. Call 708-479-3262 for information and tickets. There is also a \$24 brunch and play combined ticket available for February 25th through Hackney's restaurant, 123rd and LaGrange Road. Call Hackney's at 708-448-8300 for reservations.



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## St. Louis de Montfort Holds New Student Registration Including Full Day Preschool Sign-Up...

New student registration is now underway for the 2007-2008 school year at St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 S. Ridgeland.

The school offers full and half day preschools for three and four-year-olds.

A full-day Kindergarten program and a comprehensive curriculum in Grades 1-8. Students at all levels enjoy weekly instruction in Spanish, Art, Music and Library. Computer and Physical Education classes take place twice per week. Updated textbooks, newly renovated classrooms and hands-on learning are complemented by field trips, special assemblies, quarterly awards recognition and a daily hot lunch program.

St. Louis de Montfort School has earned State of Illinois Recognition as well as Archdiocese of Chicago accreditation. Recent accomplishments include the renovation of the school's computer lab, the construction of a new library and Science Lab and the grand opening of the school's new Language Lab. Computer classes are taught by a college level instructor and Music is taught by a professional recording artist.

Reasonable before care services are available as early as 6:00 am. After care services are available at low rates in the Kids' Club Extended Day Program from 2:30 to 6:00 pm.

Prospective parents are encouraged to attend an Open House on Monday, February 26 from 9:30 - 11:00 am. The school also welcomes prospective parents to any Open House on Wednesday, February 28 from 7 to 8:00 pm. A free gift to every child will be offered.

Information may also be obtained by calling School Secretary Maureen Grant in the school office at 708 599-5781.

## Hickory Hills Park District Little Learners / Bright Beginnings Preschool

On Monday March 5th at 9:00 a.m. residents will be able to register for the 2007-2008 school year. Non-resident registration will begin on March 12th.

Classes start in September and run thru May 2008. Fee ranges \$365-\$1150.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 9-5 pm for registration. Child's Birth Certificate and Immunization Records are required for registration.

For more information, please call 598-1233 or visit us at [www.hbparkdistrict.org](http://www.hbparkdistrict.org)

## Oak Lawn approves ordinance amendment

By  
Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance at the Feb. 13, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting authorizing an amendment to the 2006 village budget ordinance for street resurfacing. The amendment includes an appropriation for supplemental Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds, for street resurfacing. An additional \$235,000 is needed for the MFT fund to pay additional costs for construction which is 11.2-percent above the engineers estimate. The final projected cost, when combined with the engineering services, is 18.04-percent above the 2006 budgeted amount of \$898,000. The additional funds to the 2006 bid are needed due to increased material costs, especially for asphalt and concrete.

Other highlights: The board approved an ordinance amending a chapter as well as a section of the village code regarding nuisances (trucks). The section now prohibits the operation and maintenance of a motor transport engine, truck engine and a refrigeration unit to be operative on any property between 10:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., where the majority of the buildings are within 300 feet of a residential area.

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## St. Louis de Montfort Holds New Student Registration Including Full Day Preschool Sign-Up...

New student registration is now underway for the 2007-2008 school year at

St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 S. Ridgeland.

The school offers full and half day preschools for three and four-year-olds.

A full-day Kindergarten program and a comprehensive curriculum in Grades 1-8. Students at all levels enjoy weekly instruction in Spanish, Art, Music and Library. Computer and Physical Education classes take place twice per week. Updated textbooks, newly renovated classrooms and hands-on learning are complimented by field trips, special assemblies, quarterly awards recognition and a daily hot lunch program.

St. Louis de Montfort School has earned State of Illinois Recognition as well as Archdiocese of Chicago accreditation. Recent accomplishments include the renovation of the school's computer lab, the construction of a new library and Science Lab and the grand opening of the school's new Language Lab. Computer classes are taught by a college level instructor and Music is taught by a professional recording artist.

Reasonable before care services are available as early as 6:00 am. After care services are available at low rates in the Kids' Club Extended Day Program from 2:30 to 6:00 pm.

Prospective parents are encouraged to attend an Open House on Monday, February 26 from 9:30 - 11:00 am. The school also welcomes prospective parents to any Open House on Wednesday, February 28 from 7 to 8:00 pm. A free gift to every child will be offered.

Information may also be obtained by calling School Secretary Maureen Grant in the school office at 708 599-5781.

## Hickory Hills Park District Little Learners / Bright Beginnings Preschool

On Monday March 5th at 9:00 a.m. residents will be able to register for the 2007-2008 school year. Non-resident registration will begin on March 12th.

Classes start in September and run thru May 2008. Fee ranges \$365-\$1150.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 9-5 pm for registration. Child's Birth Certificate and Immunization Records are required for registration.

For more information, please call 598-1233 or visit us at [www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org)

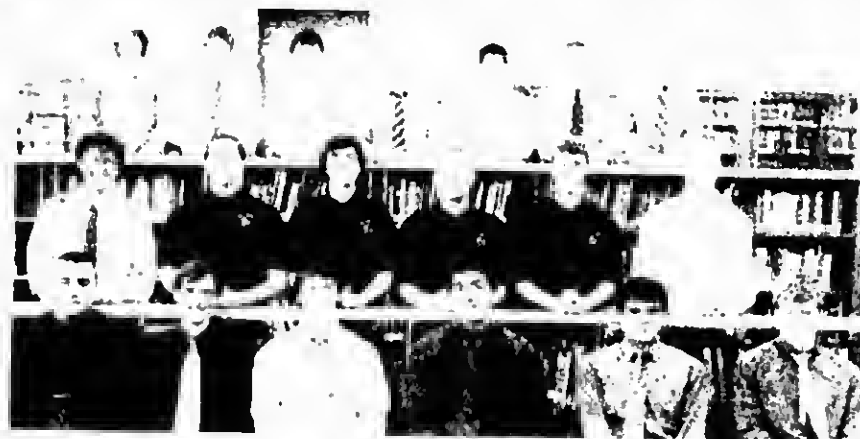
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## ABDULLAH TO ADDRESS GOLDEN EAGLE CLUB

Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Golden Eagle Club, Thursday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. at Prospect Federal Savings, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth.

Stacy Korres, coordinator, announced that Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and discuss Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages and On Line Property information.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI.

## Army Reserve Pvt. Michael W. Mitchell has graduated

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Michael Mitchell of S. Kilbourn Ave., Alsip, Ill.

Mitchell is a 2005 graduate of Shepard High School, Palos Heights, Ill.



## Air Force Airman Douglas M. Curlee

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Georgette Hansen of Fern Ave., Oak Forest, Ill.

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## Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department news

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department has some great trips planned on coach bus leaving the Palos Hills Community Center. They are as follows: Lynfield Winery with lunch at Sweet Tomatoes, "When the 20's Roared" at the White Pines Dinner Inn & Theater, Par-A-Dice Casino, Milwaukee's Polish Festival and Milwaukee's Italian Festival. Call the Community Center at 708-430-4500 for full details.

Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registration for day Camp which begins June 18th and ends August 17th. Camps are offered for Full Day, Half day, Tot-Camp and Teen Camp. Counselors are 18 years of age or older and have been trained in CPR and basic first aid. A daily snack and beverage is provided. Limited space is available. Register soon. Call 708-430-4500 for more information.

Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is located 8455 W 103rd Street Palos Hills.

## Doody's Doodlings

By Marijo Doody

It looked so promising after Hester ran the kick-off back for a touchdown, but alas the Bears lost in the Super Bowl game to the Colts 29 to 17. We do need to be grateful the Bears were the National Football League Champs. Congratulations to the Chicago Bears on a great season. We are proud the Bears represented the Chicago area very well through the season. There is always next year.

Hey do you all remember Al Gore, the ex-vice-president? Well he is up for an Oscar for the film documentary "An Inconvenient Truth". That was the film that showed the global warming attributes and was narrated by Gore with much passion. The man who lost to President Bush six years ago has changed at least in the public eye. It has been reported from Sweden, the former vice-president has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. We have to wait until October to see if Gore wins the Nobel, but only until February 25 to see if the film wins an Academy Award. He has campaigned for climate measures worldwide with the film. A few weeks ago, the British government said the film would be sent to all English secondary schools in an effort to tackle climate change.

Broadway in Chicago recently had two 50's plays "Doubt" and "Twelve Angry Men" which members in the audience could ponder their own responses to the evidence at hand. Certainly they were both in the age of fundamentalism and the judgement of one woman in the former and one man in the latter could show the trigger the tide turning. In "The Twelve Angry Men", the jury was all white men in various walks of life, age, ethnicity education, temperament and professions. The more questions Juror eight had, the more topics were raised for answers beyond a reasonable doubt. Both plays were excellent.

Congratulations to the St. Bernadette group that sponsored the successful Las Vegas benefit for sports programs.



## Something Old Something New

For the day of the wedding looking great in your wedding gown is essential. So being in shape is necessary. You have to start out with a exercise plan that fits your time schedule and meets your needs.

To stay in shape you need to exercise with 20 minutes of Cardio, at least 30 minutes strenght training. At least 3-4 times a week. A good plan of Yoga classes to relieve stress and get some meditatiation. Or play racquet ball or swimming is also good once a week.

A good club becomes a good friend as you make new acquaintances and see changes in your body. Don't forget to change the way that you eat. Give up on the fast food. For healthy choices fruits, vegetables, and meat choices like chicken, fish, and turkey. No desserts. Take a vitamin. Look good feel great. I want your wedding to be perfect. Be happy a heart that loves bonds. Carlene O'Connor

## Income tax assistance

Now available to Oak Lawn Seniors, 60 years of age and older in Income Tax assistance. Volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service in cooperation with AARP, will be available to complete simple tax returns beginning the first week of February. Before calling for a required appointment please be sure to have all the pertinent information necessary to file. You will need your Social Security Statement, dividend and interest statements, pension statements, Real Estate Tax bills paid in 2006 and last year's Income Tax. Morning and afternoon appointments, Monday through Friday will be available. To obtain an appointment, please call 708-499-0240.

For those that are no longer required to file Income Tax you may be entitled to receive a one-time Federal telephone excise tax refund. If between the years of 2003 and 2006 you had a long distance service or a bundled phone plan, you may complete a simple form to receive your refund. The form may be picked up at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 West 95th Street in Oak Lawn, IL.

## Mc Donald-Linn VFW Chicago Ridge announced mission accomplished

The "We Care Christmas Mailing" committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post 177 in Chicago Ridge announced the mission is accomplished. Packages were sent to thank the troops now serving in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan for their service to our country and to show them we appreciate their sacrifices. A total of seventy-five packages were mailed at a cost of over \$3000. Major private contributors were post member John Tyeptanar and Foot Doctor Michael Byrnes.

The "We Care Christmas Mailing" committee co-chaired by Skip Jourdan and Billie Dotson are John Tyeptanar, Tom Sharkey, Renee Murawski, Laura Jourdan, Carl Nelson, Bill Muth, John Nasakaitis, Nancy Krygowski and Joe Carvelli. A special thanks is given to Mrs. Laura Jourdan for all her help in making the project such a success.

## Burbank Park District news

Volley- ball camp begins Tuesday, February 20 from 6:07pm for grades 1-4 and 7:15-8:15 for grades 5-8. Fee is \$20 residents and \$30 nonresidents. The camp is set up so you can develop your current skills while learning new ones. They break down techniques on bumping, setting, and spiking. All skills will be in a game format.

Come test the battle-field with YU-GI and Joey as we set up one of the hottest card games around. You bring the cards and game mat with a life-point tracker (calculator) and we'll do the rest. Let the games begin!! The tournament will take place at Newcastle Recreation center on Saturday, February 24 from 9:30-11:30am for ages 9-12. The event is free, however a phone-in reservation is required. Call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070. Location is 8050 South Newcastle Ave, Burbank.

## Prairie town center in Oak Lawn more than 60 percent sold development will bring 70 residences to central business district

In less than four months since starting sales in late September, Prairie Town Center in Oak Lawn is more than 60 percent sold, said David Strosberg, president and CEO of Chicago-based Morningside Group. Groundbreaking for the new-construction development is scheduled for the first quarter of 2007, with first move-ins expected in the spring of 2008.

Located just southwest of the intersection of 95th Street and Cook Avenue in downtown Oak Lawn, the six-story building will include 70 residences in ten distinct floor plans. Homes feature either one bedroom and one-and-a-half baths, or two bedrooms and two baths. Residences range in size from 844 square feet to 1,461 square feet. Base prices for the remaining homes at Prairie Town Center are from \$184,900 to \$315,900. One heated, indoor parking space and individual storage lockers are included with each home. Exterior parking also is available.

"We offer a variety of floor plans to suit people at different stages of their lives, from first-time buyers to empty-nesters," said Barb Morris, director of sales for Morningside Group. "We really care about finding people the right home at the right price, with a monthly payment they can comfortably afford-and with the space, comfort and conveniences they're looking for."

Standard features at Prairie Town Center include private balconies; kitchens with furniture-quality cabinetry and 42-inch upper cabinets; baths with a choice of vanity styles and finishes, and cultured-marble tops in a variety of colors; nine-foot ceilings in all living spaces, per plan; and walk-in closets or dressing rooms in master bedrooms, per plan. The building will feature a brick-and-

stone facade complemented by professional landscaping. A licensed architect, Mr. Strosberg personally oversees the design and construction of all Morningside Group properties.

With its location in Oak Lawn's central business district, Prairie Town Center will be a short walk from a host of local stores and restaurants-including Freshline Grocery, Starbucks Coffee, Potbelly Sandwich Works, Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs, Cold Stone Creamery, and Hollywood Video. The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Public Library also are nearby, as are Chicago Ridge Mall and Stoney Creek Golf Course. Additional retail is coming to the area; ground has been broken on an 18,000-square-foot retail center that will accompany Prairie Town Center and sit between the homes and 95th Street.

A 25-year real estate veteran, Mr. Strosberg founded Morningside Group in 1993. In addition to its Prairie Town Center property, the company is currently marketing homes at its Arbor Court development (located a few blocks from Prairie Town Center in Oak Lawn), and at SkyLofts MarketSquare in Royal Oak, Mich., and Liberty Lofts in Ann Arbor.

The Prairie Town Center Info Center is located at 5239 West 95th Street in Oak Lawn. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. For more information, please call (708) 857-2900, or visit the Web sites [www.PrairieTownCenter.com](http://www.PrairieTownCenter.com) or [www.MorningsideUSA.com](http://www.MorningsideUSA.com).

## Getting Older and Growing Smarter

The baby boomer generation is aging so the elderly population is growing like never before. From health concerns to housing situations, insurance and retirement, and caring for older parents, ARAcontent's new Senior Living supplement features articles on all aspects of growing older in today's society.

Simply visit [www.ARAcontent.com](http://www.ARAcontent.com) or <http://www.aracontent.com> to access the supplement, featuring following articles:

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\* Inspiration from a Man Who Inspired Millions

\* New Web Site Fills Need for Menopausal Information

\* AND MANY MORE!

Be sure to check out ARAcontent's Community Care supplement, available February 14, for articles on thoughtful community involvement, environmental consciousness and education and others.

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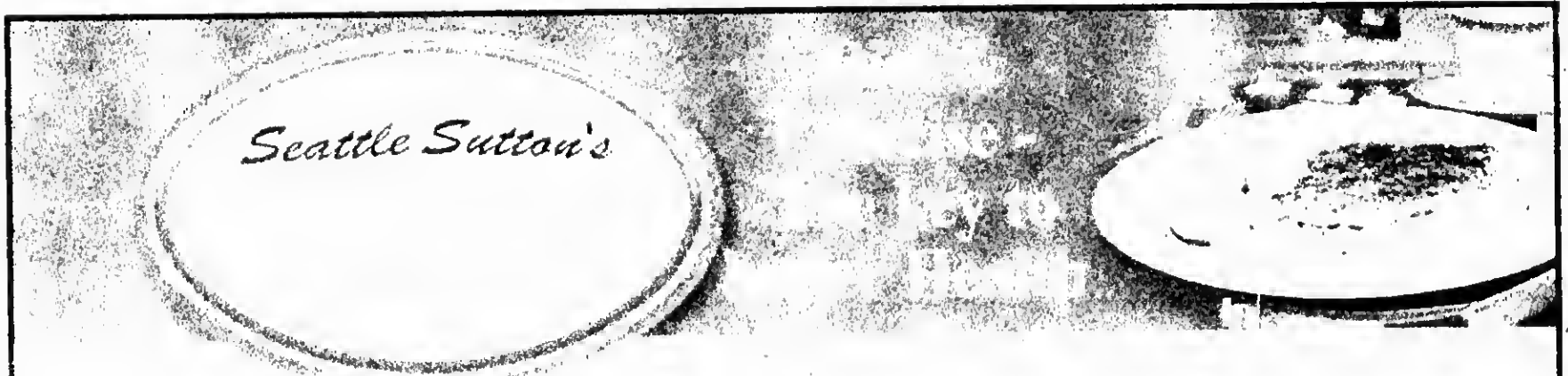
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Happy Birthday Dorothy Hahn

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: A career boost is in the wind for you. You should plan on traveling too. Health is good. R aids

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Don't say you weren't warned when it comes up - it's about RE matters. Buy, sell, refi

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Smile, it was not as bad as you thought it could be. Health matters involved. B aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You breathe air don't you, even when you can't see it? And, ghosts can never harm you.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Look at what you have done! Don't look back at what you haven't done!

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Read the above message & add this: some folks just live to make others feel guilty.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Speaking of guilt, it can be good when it prevents one to not want more to do with it. M aids.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You may hit the jackpot. If you see it, want it or will it into your life, you may get it!

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: A wise man knows that you will "see it when you believe it!" Keep the thought! A aids

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I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only].

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Anna Nicole Smith

I often get calls or am asked about matters such as "what happened to Anna Nicole Smith?" She was able to make contact with me & I was able to hear "he did this to me." But she might well have built up an accumulative effect of too many pills [over time]. As when I predicted the Super Bowl outcome to be the Colts over the Bears [point spread to be at least 10], my predictions are not "personal" but "psychic insights." I heard her trying to say the sound of "st..." & took her slurred sound to be "Stern" when I asked who did this to you? I heard more slurred words when I asked about the baby & she said "lotsa sperm," I heard her laughing about who the father is but did hear the sound of "birrrr."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Computer courses at St Laurence High School

The St Laurence High School (Burbank) Department of Continuing Education is in its twenty-fourth year of offering computer classes to adults and high school students in an effort to introduce people to the state-of-the-art technology, facilities, and high tech software packages. The latest classes will begin in late February and will run four or five weeks, depending on the course.

The classes are as follows: 'Microsoft Excel' beginning February 28 for five weeks at the Computer Instruction Center from 7-9pm, 'Windows XP/Operating Systems/Internet on Tuesday from February 27-March 27 at the Reilly Computer Center from 7-9pm. 'Microsoft Power Point' is March 6 to March 27, Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm in the Computer Instruction Center, 'Web Page Creation' is Wednesday February 28-March 28 from 7-9pm in the Reilly Computer Center and 'Microsoft Access' is Tuesday 7-9pm March 6-27 in the Computer Center.

St Laurence High School overall computer program has been featured on NBC-5 TV for its mission and excellence. For more information any interested adult or student can contact Bill McLean, Director of continuing Education Program at 708-458-6900 ex 234 or at 708-594-8899. Registration is accepted by mail or in person and closes three days before the class begins. St Laurence High School is located 5556 W 77th Street Burbank.

## Oil painting classes

The Senior Center in cooperation with the Oak Lawn Park District is now offering instruction in Oil Painting. Seniors meet every Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Oak View Center, 4625 West 110th, in Oak Lawn, IL. The cost of the ten week course is \$25.00 for residents and \$30.00 for non-residents. To register or for further information call 708-499-0240.

## Box lunch day

On Thursday, February 22nd seniors will meet once again for our newest program. Box Lunch Day. The event was created to provide an affordable lunch and social time for many in the Village. A hot lunch, dessert, refreshments and bingo are provided with the help of a sponsor. This month's will be The Southwest Center for Healthy Joints. Their new facility is located at 9618 Southwest Highway. As the sponsor, Dr. Harun Durudogan, a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, will explain services provided for physical, occupational and pool therapies. As a sponsor they will contribute \$3.00 per senior to the day, and the senior will pay \$3.00.

Box Lunch Day is by ticket only and may be purchased at the Senior Center. 5330 West 95th Street. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. and you must be at the presentation to receive a lunch. For further information you may call 708-499-0240.

## Prestige Club at Palos Bank has outing

The Prestige Club at Palos Bank and Trust has planned an outing to hear Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, considered his greatest masterpiece, composed when he was deaf at the Lincoln-Way East High School on March 25, 2007. Following the concert, dine at Mr. Benny's Steak and lobster House in Mokena. Please select when registering, either Lake Perch, Chicken Marshall, or BBQ Ribs. Cost for the concert, luncheon and motor coach is \$72 members and \$75 guests. You drive yourself cost is \$50.

Reservations are required. Send checks payable to Palos Bank Prestige Club, 12600 S Harlem Ave, Palos Heights 60463 by March 8, 2007. For more information call Jan Haffner at 708-448-9100 ex 2065. Other locations for Palos Bank are 9400 W 179th St, Tinley Park, 11210 W Lincoln Highway, Mokena, 15801 S Bell Road, Homer Glen and 13419 S Ridgeland Ave. Palos Heights.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirly



# HAPPY FEBRUARY!

kathywhirly@yahoo.com.

For those of us who thought we were going to side step the season's flurry of white, one look out the window and we realize that Chicago's weather is anything but predictable.

The warm sunny days of December that led us into a calm January, nudged all of us into believing that, just maybe, we got skipped in the snow department. Once again, Mother Nature had a good laugh at our expense.

I've been getting a kick out of the traits we weather weary citizens have exhibited when temperatures drastically drop. We may not like the Arctic blast being sent our way but it doesn't mean we have to hibernate.

Take last Saturday night for instance. It was beyond being a bitter cold night, that should have been enough reason for residents to take refuge in the warmth and comfort of home.

Bill and I decided to go out to eat. We were prepared to brave the elements, but one thing we didn't count on was having to fight through crowds. We had another thing coming. We had to circle the restaurant parking lot three times before finally finding a parking space.

The waiting time to be seated for dinner would be around 90 minutes, so calculated the harried hostess. In no hurry to rush back out into the frozen tundra, we patiently waited and enjoyed a nice relaxing dinner. Nobody seemed to mind that the windows were all crusted with ice as the howling winds sang a song describing our frozen predicament.

Yesterday the snow continued to fall and it looked like there would be no end in sight.

Our Golden Retriever, Hannah, couldn't wait to romp and play in what looked like an avalanche in our backyard.

She was in and out all day long because her goofy owner that would be me can't say no to her. The extra thick bath towel was soon soaked from numerous dry offs. Every winter I'm reminded that the fur of a golden can hold an incredible amount of moisture.

Towards dinner time the door bell rang. What a sight for snow drenched eyes! Two young boys, shovels in hand, wanted to know if they could shovel the walk for me. I thought of my dear hubby, Bill, putting in a busy day at the office and I immediately gave them the go ahead. When they finished I paid them and offered each a cup of hot chocolate. It warmed my heart to know I could help them keep warm in such blustery conditions.

Looking out the window I noticed both boys kneeling in front of my house, in the snow. I had to laugh when I realized what they were doing. They were scooping up mounds of the freshly fallen snow and plopping into their cups. So much for warming them up!

This weather has been brutal, but we always manage to like whatever it dishes out and keep on going. We adapt to adversity and survive it, whether we like it or not.

Of course, the occasional nuisance we see walking around in shirts and short sleeves as the temps dive into below zero digits are either in deep denial that it's indeed winter, or they're not afraid of a little pneumonia.

There is one good thing about February - IT'S ALMOST OVER!

And, as Bill keeps reminding me each time I whine about having to go outside - each day that goes by is a day closer to Spring.

I don't know about you but I'll be happy to say good-bye to February.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

Your life becomes the thing you have decided it will be. (Raymond Charles Barker)

### NoteWorthy Announcement-

With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner I'd like to offer the warmth of a hand crocheted scarf for the occasion. They are suitable neck warmers that replicate the Irish flag. They are fitting apparel for all your Irish celebrations.

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## Registration opens for children's programs at library

The Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Services Department will open registration for their spring session of children's programs Saturday, February 24. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools. Each child's library card must be presented at registration.

This season's offerings include: a variety of storytimes for children age six months through eight years-old; "Guys Read," an afterschool program for boys in third through fifth grade; a chess club for students through tenth grade; Yu-Gi-Oh game events for grades three and up; a book discussion club for mothers and daughters in third through fifth grade; teen game nights, a teen web design class and the Junior Friends of the Library volunteer group for students in sixth through tenth grade; a special reading club and activities to celebrate Curious George month in April for ages two through seven; a Joke Slam event for students in kindergarten through tenth grade; and free weekend programs for young children and families.

For additional information, pick up a program booklet in the Youth Services Department, visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) or call 708-422-4990.

## Mc Donald-Linn VFW Chicago Ridge announced mission accomplished

The "We Care Christmas Mailing" committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post 177 in Chicago ridge announced the mission is accomplished. Packages were sent to thank the troops now serving in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan for their service to our country and to show them we appreciate their sacrifices. A total of seventy-five packages were mailed at a cost of over \$3000. Major private contributors were post member John Tyepanar and Foot Doctor Michael Byrnes.

The "We Care Christmas Mailing" committee co-chaired by Skip Jourdan and Billie Dotson are John Tyepanar, Tom Sharkey, Renee Murawski, Laura Jourdan, Carl Nelson, Bill Muth, John Nasakaitis, Nancy Krygowski and Joe Carvelli. A special thanks is given to Mrs Laura Jourdan for all her help in making the project such a success.

## Homeschool group meets at library

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group sponsored by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. On March 8, participants will make spring crafts. No registration required. All ages are welcome.

For more information, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call, 708-422-4990.

## Whitney's Bar & Grille hold Fashionable Lunch

The very popular 'Fashionable Lunch' with latest fashions presented by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton on Wednesday's: March 28, April 11, May 9 and June 13 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Reservations are suggested so call 708-229-8888. Enjoy a fabulous lunch, think spring, and enjoy the latest spring and summer fashions.

## Advertiser For St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's March 6th Issue

## Mother and Daughter Book Club

Girls in third through fifth grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of the children's novel "The World According to Humphrey" by Betty G. Birney at a Mother and Daughter Book Club meeting 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Register in advance and pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 15 mother/daughter pairs. Light refreshments. For more information about this and other children's programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Library Foundation Holds Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" Campaign

Show your support for the Oak Lawn Public Library by participating in a Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" fund raiser Monday through Wednesday, March 5, 6 and 7. Shop at any Jewel-Osco store on one of those three dates and present a "Shop & Share" Identification Slip to the cashier. Five percent of your total purchase, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel-Osco to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. Shop & Share Identification Slips are available in the library's lobby.

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## Web site helps men evaluate risk of prostate cancer



Risk test promotes prostate cancer screenings and early detection to maximize a man's chance for survival.

Evergreen Park, IL (PRWEB) September 18, 2006 – In 2006, more than 234,000 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and more than 27,000 men will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society. While it is estimated that 1 man in 6 will suffer from prostate cancer in his lifetime, only 1 man in 34 will die from it. The earlier the disease is diagnosed and treated, the more likely it is for patients to survive and remain disease-free.

Knowing your risk and early detection provide the best tools to fight prostate cancer. If the disease is diagnosed early, a patient has an excellent prognosis, many treatment options, and typically suffers from fewer side effects. (InsertImage)

A new Web site published by Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers in the Southwest Chicago area (<http://www.PursuingPainFreeCancer.org>) encourages men to learn more about prostate cancer, and to take a free confidential on-line risk test to evaluate their prostate cancer risk. The Web site's prostate cancer risk test evaluates a man's risk based on certain genetic and lifestyle factors that scientists believe affect one's prostate cancer risk.

Knowing one's risk can significantly increase a man's chance for surviving prostate cancer. According to Dr. Paul Y. Song, a prostate cancer specialist at Little Company of Mary, "Knowing your risk and early detection provide the best tools to fight prostate cancer. If the disease is diagnosed early, a patient has an excellent prognosis, many treatment options, and typically suffers from fewer side effects." When the disease is still confined to the prostate, the five-year relative survival rate is nearly 100 percent. "Men whose cancer is diagnosed early may be candidates for any of the accepted prostate cancer treat-

ments," Dr. Song said.

Some of the treatment options include radiation therapy and surgery. "During the last 20 years, major clinical evidence has shown that both surgery and radiation therapy offer an equal chance for cure in the treatment of prostate cancer," Dr. Song notes.

Little Company of Mary Hospital is the only hospital in the entire greater Chicago area to offer both High Dose Rate (HDR) brachytherapy for prostate cancer treatment and the da Vinci robotic prostatectomy.

High dose rate brachytherapy provides the most precise delivery of radiation possible in the treatment of prostate cancer. Unlike permanent seed implants, patients have temporary placement of radioactive catheters which can be custom tailored to deliver precision internal radiation and better avoid the urethra, rectum, and nerves to reduce overall toxicity without being radioactive and exposing family members to radiation. It is a one-day procedure where patients can go back to work the very next day. "HDR brachytherapy takes the prostate implant procedure to a whole new level, and is more precise and less toxic than conventional seed implants," Dr. Song said.

The da Vinci robotic surgical system is a state-of-the-art minimally-invasive technology which allows surgeons to perform complex surgeries through tiny openings. Patients who undergo da Vinci prostatectomies typically enjoy fewer overall side effects, shorter hospital stays, and earlier returns to full activities.

At its earliest stages, prostate cancer does not present with any symptoms. Therefore knowing one's risk and early detection for prostate cancer are a man's best defenses. "Once cancer cells are found outside the prostate, a man has much fewer treatment options and less potential for cure," Dr. Song said. Little Company of Mary's on-line prostate cancer risk test at <http://www.PursuingPainFreeCancer.org> "is a great tool to become more knowledgeable about prostate cancer."

For more information contact:  
Kelly Cusack,  
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## Power Wheelchairs available from Wishes on Wheels

Electric Power Wheelchairs are made available by Wishes on Wheels to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 and up) and the permanently disabled if they qualify. Electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and also cannot operate a manual wheelchair sufficiently or safely enough to care for themselves in their residence. They have to be able to operate a joystick controller on the armrest and understand basic instructions. There are additional qualifications including that their doctor approves and recommends their need for a power wheelchair. Please call 1-800-923-5220 or visit the web for details at [www.threewishes2.com](http://www.threewishes2.com).

### Chicago Genealogical Society meets at Newberry Library

The Chicago Genealogical Society is presenting "Occupations from Years Ago" a discussion of occupations from years gone by at the meeting at Newberry Library on Sunday, March 3, 2007. The presenter is Ginger Frere and Newberry Library is at Walton Avenue at Clark Street.

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## NAMI Southwest holds seminar

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a free public seminar on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30pm at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave in Oak Lawn. Susan Curtis, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Mt. Greenwood will discuss Asperger's disorder and other disorders, which affect children.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. They hold monthly support group meetings for families of persons with mental illness on the first Thursday of the month at 7:45pm at the church. For additional information on the upcoming speakers and support services contact NAMI Southwest at 708-425-0925.

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## Recording artist and Broadway Sensation Linda Eder To play Chicago's Cadillac palace theatre For one night only – Saturday, March 3, 2007

CHICAGO (January 9, 2007) – Recording artist, concert star and Broadway sensation Linda Eder returns to Chicago for one night only, Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 8 p.m. at the Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 W. Randolph St.). Ms. Eder will perform an eclectic evening of Broadway, jazz, pop hits and standards – including selections from her newest CD *By Myself: The Songs of Judy Garland*.

Since her big break on TV's *Star Search* in 1988 and her starring role in Broadway's smash hit *Jekyll and Hyde*, Linda Eder has recorded eight solo albums, including her most recent, *By Myself: The Songs of Judy Garland*. In its 11 tracks, Linda pulls off the impossible: paying tribute to her musical idol and capturing the contrasting strength and fragility of Judy's voice, while making the timeless Garland songs her own.

Linda Eder's career is built on a solid Broadway base, but reaches far beyond it. Over the years, passionate fans across the country have packed concert venues, including New York's Carnegie Hall. Among her many milestones, Linda has been profiled by the Bravo Network, had a solo concert run at Broadway's Gershwin Theater, and performed the track "Gold" to which Kristi Yamaguchi skated during the opening ceremonies at the 2002 Winter Olympics. Aside from music and motherhood, Linda has a lifelong love of animals. She's taking it a step further with *Trail Mix*, a new primetime television special she created and is hosting for Animal Planet. The show teams host Linda with other celebrities who share her passion for horses.

Linda Eder plays the Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 W. Randolph St.) Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for Linda Eder range in price from \$40 to \$75 and are available at Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (18 W. Monroe, 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.), through the Broadway In Chicago Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers (including all Carson Pirie Scott stores, Tower Records, Hot Tix, select Coconuts and fye stores) or online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

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## Legends stars Dynasty Divas

"Dynasty" Divas Joan Collins and Linda Evans reunite in the classic Cat-fight Comedy "Legends" coming to the La Salle Bank Theatre from February 20-March 4, 2007. In the 1980's TV viewers will remember the Dynasty Divas as glamorous rivals. Collins has appeared in more than 60 films and dozens of TV programs as well as Broadway and the London Stages. She has worked with

many leading men in her history, including Richard Burton, Bing Crosby, Gene Kelly, Bob Hope, Paul Newman and Sir John Gielgud, who are legends. Evans is internationally known and received numerous People Choice Awards and an Emmy and a Golden Globe.

"Legends" was originally produced in 1986 and starred Carol Channing and Mary Martin. Tickets

range in price from \$20-\$75 and are available from the Broadway in Chicago Box Offices (18 W. Monroe, 24 W. Randolph, and 151 W. Randolph, at the BIC ticket Line 312-902-1400 and at Ticketmaster Centers.

Performances are Tuesday-Sunday. No matinee on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Performance time is 7:30, 8 and 2pm.

## News from the Hubbard Street Ballet

by Marijo Doody

Recently the fourth year performance was held between the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. It came in the presence of "From All Sides" a glob-trotting project between two artists with composer Mark-Anthony Turnage and choreographer Jorma Elo, who met in The Hague.

Turnage's 20-minute piece unfolds in six movements and displays many moods. At some moments, the viewer sees a windup-toy with the dancers. In many of the dance sessions a Bernstein quality exist. Also American composer Copland and Latin beats are present in the score. The dancers give the appearance, with the costuming, of strange birds or insects with the hieroglyphic-like styles and arm movements.

The dancers are exquisite and included: Robyn Minick Williams, Shannon Alvis, Merideth Dinicola, Alejandro Cerrudo, Pablo Piantino and Tobin Del Cuore. Both Turnage and Elo took bows with the dancers. Youthful Esa-Pekka Salonen conducted the program. He is superb. We

must envy the Los Angeles Orchestra where he is Music Director. The program also contained Beethoven and Stravinsky numbers. The way Salonen isolated the work of each drove the pieces to their fullest and was remarkable.

Before the performance, the composer, Turnage was sad that that was the last performance with the Chicago Symphony and hoped the number would be made available to other orchestras with Hubbard Street Dance. The stage was stripped at the intermission. Hubbard Street Dance goes on tour to Italy for several days.

Hubbard Street 2 (HS2) the second company of HSDC has announced a call for entries to its ninth annual National Choreographic Competition. The deadline for submissions is postmarked by March 5, 2007. Each finalist will participate in a week residency in 2007 to create an original work for HS2, receiving a stipend, transportation, accommodations and a per diem. HS2 is in its 10th year and features dancers 17-25. For information visit the web at [www.hubbardsstreetdance.com](http://www.hubbardsstreetdance.com).

## Lyric Opera announces 2007 schedule

If Lyric Opera's 2007-schedule looks familiar it is as familiar works will be performed, as they are timeless. Included in the 2007 programming are Verdi's 'La Traviata' and 'Falstaff', Puccini's 'La Bohème', Rossini's 'Barber of Seville', John Adams's 'Doctor Atomic' a contemporary opera, Strauss's 'Die Frau Ohne Schatten', Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin' and Handel's 'Giulio Cesare.'

Stars coming include Joseph Calleja, Renee Fleming, Elizabeth Futral, Deborah Voigt, Juan Diego Florez, Nathan Gunn, Joye DiDonato, Thomas Hampson, Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Danielle diNesse, and Barbara Fritoli.

Information will be mailed to season subscribers in the near future.

## CST premieres new musical for families

Chicago Shakespeare Theater (CST) premieres a new show 'How Can You Run with a Shell on your Back?' an Aesop's fables musical for families March 8 through April 22, 2007. It is most enjoyed by children ages 6 and up and is presented in the theater Upstairs at CST.

The Tortoise and the Hare, The Ant and the Grasshopper and Androcles and the Lion are timeless fables and take an entertaining turn in the new musical and reveal universal truths. After a honi detour is transformed into an adventure when a stranger shows six students the power of a good fable. High spirit-

ed and clever songs give a modern twist to the allegories. Peter Flynn directs the production. He has worked with Teamworks USA off-Broadway. And was nominated for two Lucille Lortel Theater awards for the off-Broadway production. Musical direction is by Lisa McQueen.

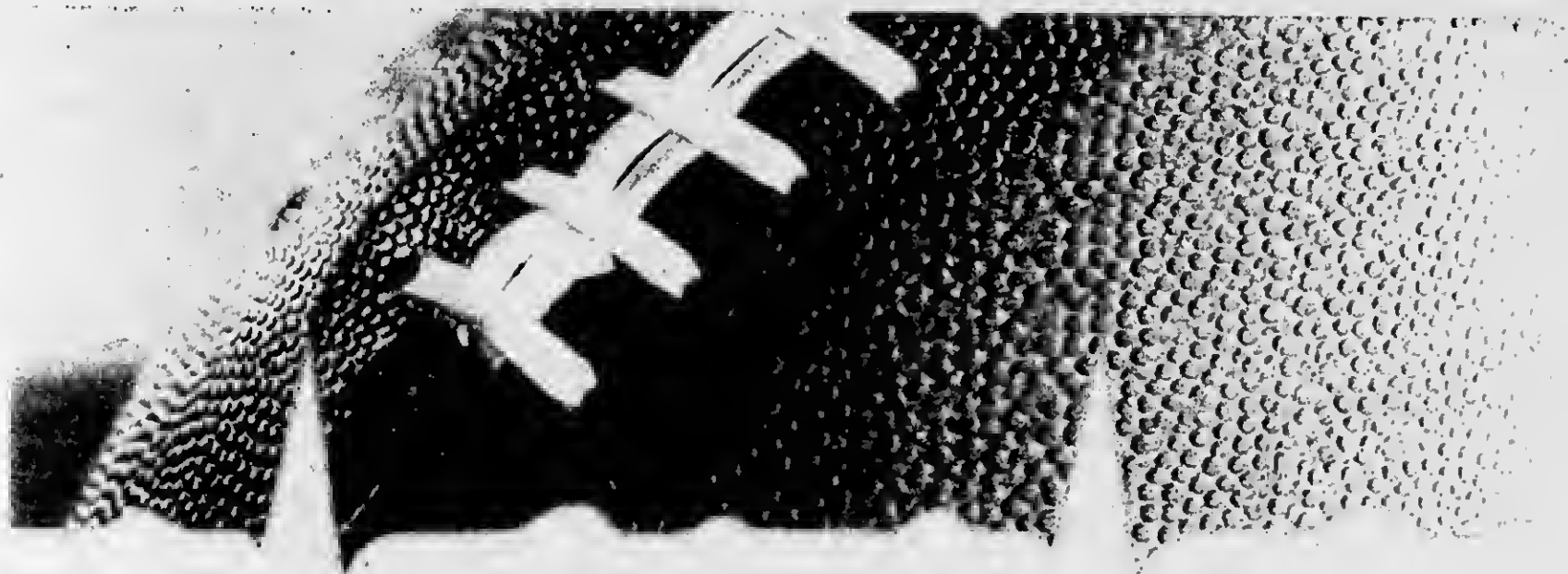
Tickets are \$16 for students 18 and younger and \$20 for adults. Call 312-595-5600. Performances are Thursdays at 10am and 12:30pm, Friday at 7pm, Saturdays at 11am, 2 and 4pm and Sundays at 11am and 2pm. CST at Navy Pier is accessible to public transportation.



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## Oak Forest approves police expenditure

By  
Matt Mayer

The city council approved a police department request at the Feb. 13, Oak Forest City Council meeting to purchase 15 Motorola ML 900 Laptop computers for police vehicles. The purchases will be funded through the Capital Improvement Fund Program and the 911 Emergency Telephone System Board.

Other highlights: The city council approved a fire department request to purchase a pick up truck from Community Pontiac. A portion of the purchase will be from insurance proceeds - the amounts were not disclosed.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance for the creation of a part-time police officer position was also approved. The amendment elevates the requirement that the potential part-time officer must have experience in a municipality similar to the City of Oak Forest.

A resolution for the support of a Class 8 Tax Incentive with the county for commercial property at 5730 W. 159th Street was approved as well as an ordinance changing the verbiage of the municipal code pertaining to alcohol sales. The next meeting is Feb. 27.

## Neat Repeats extends hours

The Orland Park and Worth Neat-Repeats Resale stores have announced starting March 7 both locations will be open until 8pm on Wednesday evenings for more shopping. This means they have openings for more volunteers. Call if you can help: Orland Park 708-364-7605 and Worth 708-361-6860.

Set up an appointment and enjoy a tour of the store. Neat Repeats volunteers make a difference in the lives of the women and children who are served by the programs at the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. All sales in the store benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center. They provide emergency shelter and essential services for victims of domestic violence. For more information visit

## Ice rinks now open

outdoor ice skating this winter. "Up until now, our maintenance crew has had their hands tied with the warm winter weather," commented Karen Wegrzyn, Marketing Manager. "We're now seeing cold temperatures forecast for the next several days which will allow us to keep the ice rinks in great condition," she added. The recent cold weather has made conditions ideal for outdoor rinks. While many area residents are disheartened with the cold temperatures we've been experiencing, the ice skaters are loving it.

The Park District is currently maintaining two outdoor rinks in Tinley Park. Lewis Park located at Riverside and Normandy Drives offers lighted skating until 10:00 pm every night. Community Park, located adjacent to the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center at 8125 W. 171st Street also offers skating until 10:00 pm. The ice rink in the downtown area of Tinley Park has been closed for the season due to damage of the rink liner. The Lewis Park and Community Park rinks will continue to receive regular maintenance as long as the cold weather holds out.

For more information, please contact the Tinley Park District at 342-4200.

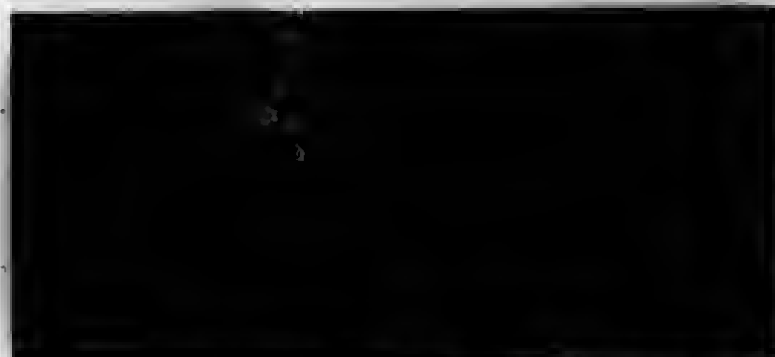
## GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT MOVES TO PUBLIC HEARING

RSC & Associates will appear before the Oak Forest Planning & Zoning Commission on February 21, 2007 seeking preliminary approval for a mixed-use transit oriented development at the intersection of Cicero Avenue & 159th Street. The City of Oak Forest has been working with RSC for approximately six months as a partner to undertake the Gateway Corridor Development. The transit oriented design is expected to act as a catalyst for development for the City's aging business districts.

At this time, the petitioner is proposing multi-family residential, retail and service, and restaurants for the development, including three drive-through facilities. A total of 53,000 leaseable commercial square feet will be available on the site to accommodate a variety of users. The residential condominiums will be comprised of 79 one to three bedroom units, with indoor parking available for residents. The site will be completed with pedestrian style landscaping and two public plazas or gathering areas. The City will also be constructing a new Metra station as part of the completed project. Future additional residential development is also a possibility with the City retaining ownership of both the northeast and southwest corners of the site.

Not only is the Gateway Corridor project intended to create new revenue for the City, it is also intended to set an example for surrounding commercial properties creating an environment where both pedestrians and vehicles can thrive. Throughout the design process main objectives included pedestrian and vehicle circulation, bringing a new architectural element to the City, and maximizing the uses of the property.

The proposed mixed use development is being brought forward for a formal public hearing in order to receive approval for a mixed-use planned development at the February 21, 2007 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The meeting will be held at City Hall at 8:00 p.m.



The Cross Keys Irish Dancers kick up their heels for the launching of the new Irish Studies certificate program to be offered at Saint Xavier University's Orland Park campus.



Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin (center) plays it up with traditional Irish musicians David Arwine (left with guitar) and Jim Thornton (accordion).

## SXU launches non-credit Irish Studies program at Orland Park campus

Key community members on hand to celebrate new program

Chicago (Feb. 14, 2007) - Saint Xavier University celebrated its new non-credit Irish Studies program Friday evening with Irish dancing, live traditional music and key leaders from Orland Park and Gaelic Park.

Classes for the new program begin in spring 2007. Students will explore Ireland's heritage through an interdisciplinary program of history, the Gaelic language, literature, art, film and music.

Saint Xavier, which traces its roots to the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, offers the non-credit certificate program at its Orland Park campus through the School for Continuing and Professional Studies.

"The Southland is home to a large community of Irish-Americans who continue to practice the rich traditions of their ancestors," said Leslie Petty, dean of the School for Continuing and Professional Studies. "The Irish Studies certificate program was developed to provide an avenue to explore and appreciate Ireland's heritage through the study of its history, language, literature, art, film and music."

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin thanked the University for bringing the program to his village, saying, "I congratulate Saint Xavier on this endeavor and offer any assistance to make this a world-class program."

Gaelic Park President John Griffin noted Saint Xavier University's own Irish heritage, beginning with the first six Sisters of Mercy

to come to Chicago. "After 160 years and all obstacles that have been overcome and all of the good works that have been done as a result of those six young, brave Sisters of Mercy, a small part of their efforts will result in the study of their Irish culture and heritage," Griffin said. "It's come full circle, and it's truly fitting."

For more information on Saint Xavier's Irish Studies program, please contact Barbara Walder at (708) 633-4711 or e-mail [walder@sxu.edu](mailto:walder@sxu.edu). You may also visit the School for Continuing and Professional Studies homepage ([www.sxu.edu/cps](http://www.sxu.edu/cps)) and click on the link titled "Certificate in Irish Studies" on the left side of the page.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846, Saint Xavier University was the first Mercy college in the United States and is Chicago's oldest Catholic university. Serving approximately 5,700 students at its campuses in Chicago, Orland Park and its Loop location, the University offers 35 undergraduate majors; more than 40 graduate program options in arts and sciences, business, education and nursing; and a variety of program options in continuing and professional studies. Recognizing Saint Xavier's excellence in education, U.S. News and World Report has ranked SXU consistently among the Best Colleges in the Midwest.

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## News Blue Island Library

On Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm, Professor Art T. Burton, Historian/Author speaks on African-Americans in the West. Burton has authored a number of books on this subject including: 'Black, Red and Deadly: Black and Indian Gunfighters of the Indian Territories', 'Black, Buckskin and Blue: African-American Scouts and Soldiers on the Western Frontier' and 'Black Gun, Silver Star: The Life and Legends of Frontier Marshall Brass Rceves.'

On Thursday, February 22 at 7:30pm a program called 'Singing the Blues!' requires tickets. Vocalist Katherine Davis and Pianist Edwin Helfer celebrate the contributions of Blues Music to American and International Culture. Davis and Helfer have delighted Blues-fans for two decades performing a repertoire of classical blues, jazz, boogie, spirituals and

gospel. They completely involve the audience in their shoes.

Ms. Davis, and Mr Helfer appear by virtue of grants received from the Illinois Humanities Council. Tickets for these events are available at the Library's Main Desk.

Blue Island's Library, 2433 York in Blue Island is handicapped accessible and no reason to stay away.. For information call 708-388 1078 ex 30 for Dan Carroll.

On you behind the times, technological? On Thursday, February 22, at 7pm is a program 'The Right PC-Right it Now' and on Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm the program 'Introduction to Digital Imaging' will be held. Space is limited so reservations are required. Contact Darren Thompson, at [www.dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org](mailto:www.dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org).

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## Employment, Health Fair at Alsip's Lighthouse Church

On Wednesday, February 28 from 10am to 2pm is an employment, resource and health fair at Lighthouse Church, 4501 W 127th St. Alsip in the fellowship hall. The sponsor is Theresa Hubbard Employment and Health Ministry at the church. There are free door prizes and giveaways! Wear first impression attire and bring resumes for on site interviews.

Over 30 employees will be represented including Chicago Police Department, UPS, Comcast, CTA, Pace, Fed E's Ground, Wal-Mart, State Farm, Enterprise Rent a car, Hilton, Ill Dept of Corrections, and more. There is a \$35 registration fee for vendors which includes a table and two chairs. There is a continental breakfast and lunch for vendors. Mail a check or money order to Theresa Hubbard at 9320 S Troop Chicago 60620-3622 by Feb 22 or Fax at 773-298-9881 or call 773-454-8039.

There are free health screenings for vision, hearing, hypertension and cholesterol. For more information call 773-454-8039.

## District 146 Kindergarten Registration

Community Consolidated School District 146, which serves the communities of Tinley Park, Orland Park and Oak Forest, will hold its annual Kindergarten Registration on March 1, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children within District 146 who have attained their fifth birthday on or by September 1, 2007 are eligible for registration. A birth certificate, social security number, and proof

of residency must be provided. Three other forms of proof will be required showing proper address. There will be no fee payment required at this time.

For additional information, contact any of the District 146 elementary schools listed below or call the District office at (708) 614-4500. To view the District 146 boundaries, please visit our website at [www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org).

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## Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2006-2007 infiniti Friday night at the movies series concludes on March 9 with musical tribute to John Wayne and Franz Waxman

CHICAGO - The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2006-2007 Infiniti Friday Night at the Movies series concludes on Friday, March 9 at 8 p.m. with a tribute to the films of John Wayne and the music of legendary film composer Franz Waxman, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of their births. The originally scheduled hosts of this program, Roger Ebert and Richard Roeper, have had to cancel their appearance due to Mr. Ebert's recovery from illness.

The Infiniti Friday Night at the Movies series features the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performing scores from Hollywood's hit movies, accompanied by film, still images and "behind the scenes" photos projected above the stage. This performance begins with a tribute to the films of one of America's iconic actors, John Wayne. The Academy Award-winning actor appeared in nearly 250 films, and the CSO's program will feature musical favorites from several of his best-known movies, including *The Alamo* and *True Grit*. The second half of the program celebrates the scores of Academy Award-winning film composer Franz Waxman, who wrote the music for nearly 150 films, including such classics as *Sunset Boulevard*, *Taras Bulba*, *The Philadelphia Story* and *Bride of Frankenstein*.

Richard Kaufman is in his third year as a guest conductor of the Infiniti Friday Night at the Movies series. Mr. Kaufman, a member of the music department of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios since 1984, oversees the music for all MGM television projects. He has conducted recordings of classic film music with the Brandenburg Philharmonic in Berlin, and made a second recording with the Nuremberg Symphony, celebrating the 100th anniversary of motion pictures. In 1996, Mr. Kaufman recorded two critically acclaimed CDs with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, conducting the film mu-

sic of Alfred Newman and Victor Young. He has also coached actors including Jack Nicholson, Armand Assante, Dudley Moore, Tom Hanks and Susan Sarandon for musical film roles.

Complete program information follows:

Friday, March 9, 8 p.m.

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FRANZ WAXMAN *Prince Valiant* (excerpts)

*Sunset Boulevard Suite*

*Bride of Frankenstein Suite*

*The Philadelphia Story* (excerpts)

Katsumi Love Theme from *Sayonara*

*Ireland from The Spirit of St. Louis*

*Ride of the Cossacks from Taras Bulba*

Infiniti Friday Night at the Movies is sponsored by Infiniti.

Tickets: \$26-\$79. Tickets can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604. Student tickets can be purchased, subject to availability, at the Box Office on the day of the concert or in advance at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org). Box Office and PhoneCharge hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For group rates, please call 312-294-3040. Artists, programs, and ticket prices are subject to change.

## Show Your Spirit with The V Foundation and ESPN in the Fight Against Cancer

2007 Marks the Sixth Year for National Event that Raises Money for Cancer Research

(Cary, NC)- The V Foundation for Cancer Research and Team ESPN are tipping off their sixth annual

Show Your Spirit® program on March 15 and 16, 2007. In celebration of college basketball, employees and students across the country will be asked to display their spirit by wearing their favorite teams' apparel to work or school and contribute directly to cancer research.

The V Foundation and Team ESPN, the corporate outreach program for ESPN, Inc., encourage companies, schools and organizations nationwide to register for the program. Participants will show their support by donating \$5.00 or more to The V Foundation for Cancer Research. With their donation, each contributor receives a V Foundation "Don't Give Up. Don't Ever Give Up!"® bracelet to display their enthusiasm for the fight against cancer. In 2006, companies and schools in more than 30 states joined in the fun and made a difference in this important cause. All net proceeds from the Show Your Spirit campaign will be used to fund essential cancer research.

"Show Your Spirit is a fun way for everyone to get involved and

help defeat cancer," said Nick Valvano, CEO of The V Foundation and brother of the late Jimmy V. "If millions of people across the country join together, we could make a tremendous impact on cancer research."

Everyone can make a difference in the fight against cancer. To register or for further information log on to [www.jimmyv.org](http://www.jimmyv.org) and click on the Show Your Spirit link or call 1-800-4JIMMYV.

About The V Foundation for Cancer Research

The V Foundation for Cancer Research was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, legendary North Carolina State basketball coach and ESPN commentator. Since 1993, The Foundation has raised more than \$60 million to fund cancer research grants nationwide. Starting in the beginning of the current fiscal year on October 1, 2006, The V Foundation awards 100 percent of all new direct cash donations and net proceeds of events directly to cancer research and related programs. The Foundation, which has received a top 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for four consecutive years, awards grants through a competitive awards process strictly supervised by a Scientific Review Committee. For more information on The V Foundation or to make a donation, please call 1-800-4JIMMYV or visit [www.jimmyv.org](http://www.jimmyv.org).

## Worth adopts smoking ordinance

By  
Matt Mayer

The village board unanimously approved an ordinance at the Feb. 6 Worth Board of Trustees meeting which allows business owners to decide whether or not smoking is allowed with the stipulation that signs must be posted at all establishments which allow smoking.

The ordinance essentially negates the county ban and therefore the county ban shall be inoperative in the village. The ordinance will follow current state laws, which regulates smoking in businesses such as having a separation divider in restaurants or separate smoking and non-smoking sections. The ordinance states that a visible sign must be displayed at any commercial establishment, which allows smoking on the premises, therefore informing visitors to enter at their own risk, said Village Attorney Mat Delort.

Cook County Commissioners unanimously approved a smoking ban on March 15, 2006 effective March 15, 2007. Under the county ban, all public buildings, including bars, workplaces, and sports venues, will be smoke free. The ban also forbids smoking within 15 feet of any entrance to enclosed areas. If municipalities do not adopt their own smoking ordinance prior to March 15, they then will be governed by the county ordinance.

## Chicago Ridge discusses smoking ban

By  
Matt Mayer

Prior to the Feb. 6, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting, Cook County Director of Public Policy, Planning and Government Relations, Sean Mc Dermott, outlined the ill effects of smoking as well as second hand smoke. Village officials as well as business owners believe the state legislature should pass a state wide smoking ban in order to have a level playing field. A bill is pending in the state legislature at the present time.

One ordinance option would be to post a visible sign at any commercial establishment, which allows smoking on the premises, therefore informing patrons of the dangers of second hand smoke.

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Other highlights: The board approved a fire department request to pay \$7,350 for Haz-mat dues as well as a resolution regarding the Southland Convention Bureau. A resolution regarding construction on state highways was also approved. May 17 to May 19 was approved for VFW Poppy Days. The next meeting is Feb. 20.

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## Computer courses at St Laurence High School

The St Laurence High School (Burbank) Department of Continuing Education is in its twenty-fourth year of offering computer classes to adults and high school students in an effort to introduce people to the state-of-the-art technology, facilities, and high tech software packages. The latest classes will begin in late February and will run four or five weeks, depending on the course.

The classes are as follows: 'Microsoft Excel' beginning February 28 for five weeks at the Computer Instruction Center from 7-9pm, 'Windows XP/Operating Systems/Internet on Tuesday from February 27-March 27 at the Reilly Computer Center from 7-9pm. 'Microsoft Power Point' is March 6 to March 27, Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm in the Computer Instruction Center, 'Web Page Creation' is Wednesday February 28-March 28 from 7-9pm in the Reilly Computer Center and 'Microsoft Access' is Tuesday 7-9pm March 6-27 in the Computer Center.

St Laurence High School overall computer program has been featured on NBC-5 TV for its mission and excellence. For more information any interested adult or student can contact Bill McLean, Director of continuing Education Program at 708-458-6900 ex 234 or at 708-594-8899. Registration is accepted by mail or in person and closes three days before the class begins. St Laurence High School is located 5556 W. 77th Street Burbank.

## Oil painting classes

The Senior Center in co-operation with the Oak Lawn Park District is now offering instruction in Oil Painting. Seniors meet every Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Oak View Center, 4625 West 110th, in Oak Lawn, IL. The cost of the ten week course is \$25.00 for residents and \$30.00 for non-residents. To register or for further information call 708-499-0240.

## Box lunch day

On Thursday, February 22nd seniors will meet once again for our newest program. Box Lunch Day. The event was created to provide an affordable lunch and social time for many in the Village. A hot lunch, dessert, refreshments and bingo are provided with the help of a sponsor. This month's will be The Southwest Center for Healthy Joints. Their new facility is located at 9618 Southwest Highway. As the sponsor, Dr. Harun Durudogan, a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, will explain services provided for physical, occupational and pool therapies. As a sponsor they will contribute \$3.00 per senior to the day, and the senior will pay \$3.00.

Box Lunch Day is by ticket only and may be purchased at the Senior Center, 5330 West 95th Street. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. and you must be at the presentation to receive a lunch. For further information you may call 708-499-0240.

## Prestige Club at Palos Bank has outing

The Prestige Club at Palos Bank and Trust has planned an outing to hear Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, considered his greatest masterpiece composed when he was deaf at the Lincoln-Way East High School on March 25, 2007. Following the concert, dine at Mr. Benny's Steak and lobster House in Mokena. Please select when registering, either Lake Perch, Chicken Marshall, or BBQ Ribs. Cost for the concert, luncheon and motor coach is \$72 members and \$75 guests. You drive yourself cost is \$50.

Reservations are required. Send checks payable to Palos Bank Prestige Club, 12600 S Harlem Ave, Palos Heights 60463 by March 8, 2007. For more information call Jan Haffner at 708-448-9100 ex 2065. Other locations for Palos Bank are 9400 W 179th St., Tinley Park, 11210 W Lincoln Highway, Mokena, 15801 S Bell Road, Homer Glen and 13419 S Ridgeland Ave. Palos Heights.

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## Evergreen Park approves ordinance modifications

By  
Matt Mayer

The village board approved ordinance revisions at the Feb. 19, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, for nine ordinances, which increase fines for violations. The ordinances include alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, animals, certain public violations and property rights. An ordinance, which adds an article to a chapter of the municipal code regarding planning and development, was also approved. The creation of this ordinance is to reimburse business owners for facade improvements along the 95th St Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. An ordinance adding an article to the zoning code for special uses and planned developments was also approved.

Other highlights: The board approved a resolution to revise a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program application from the 2006 program year, which is referred to as the 2007 Senior Center Phase I upgrade for the former Christian Reform Church at 9547 S. Homan Avenue, which was built in 1917. The church closed in the fall of last year and was purchased by the village in December.

The resolution requests that the entire amount of \$1,515,000, for the village's CDBG Program year 2007, be awarded rather than in thirds, which was approved at the Feb. 5, board meeting. Building Commissioner/ Fire Chief Ed Cholesky along with an architect prepared a proposal, which was submitted to the county prior to the dead line of February 13, to make the church handicap accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project is slated to include a ramp and an elevator as well as upgrading the rest rooms to meet ADA requirements. Since the building is ninety years old, nothing in the building is in compliance with state and federal code.

## Hickory Hills Park District Little Learners / Bright Beginnings Preschool

Registration for the 2007-2008 school began on Monday March 5th for residents. Non-resident registration will begin on March 12th.

Classes start in September and run thru May 2008. Fee ranges \$365.-\$1150.

The office is open Monday-Friday, 9-5 pm for registration. Child's Birth Certificate and Immunization Records are required for registration.

For more information, please call 598-1233 or visit us at [www.hhparkdistrict.org](http://www.hhparkdistrict.org).

## Oak Lawn approves a smoking ban and delayed effective date

By  
Matt Mayer

Following another lengthy conversation at the Feb. 27, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. The village board approved a smoking ban, which prohibits smoking in all public places, some of which are restaurants bars, retail food establishments, banquet halls, office buildings, factories, warehouses. Also included are meeting or conference rooms, restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, open air dining that is adjacent to a restaurant, hotels, public parks or recreation areas within the village that is open to and used by the general public.

Trustee Jerry Hurkes proposed an amendment to the smoking clause, which changes the effective date to January 1, 2008. Taverns are exempt for the ban if the business license for the premises was issued on or before March 1, 2007. A tavern is defined in the ordinance as an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquor at retail and which receives at least sixty five-percent of its gross revenues, on a quarterly basis, from the sale of alcoholic liquor at retail price. Hurkes also made a motion to re-

move this date from the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the two amendments. Village attorney, David Freeman, said this ordinance could be amended at any time.

This virtually negates or at least postpones the Cook County smoking ban ordinance, which county commissioners unanimously approved on March 15, 2006, effective March 15, 2007. If municipalities don't adopt their own smoking ordinance prior to March 15, they then will be governed by the county ordinance. Under the county ban, smoking in all public buildings, including bars, restaurants, workplaces, and sports venues as well as within fifteen feet of an entranceway to an enclosed area as well as health care facilities are prohibited. Nursing home residents however are exempt.

The current senate bill in the 95th General Assembly is SB0500. The chief sponsor of this bill was changed to Sen. Terry Link on March 2, 2007. The co-sponsor was also changed to Majority Whip Sen. John J. Cullerton - Sen. Iris Y. Martinez was added as a co-sponsor. If one feels the need for a statewide smoking ban, write your legislatures, other wise the entire concept will go up in smoke.

## Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

March is here and it is time to dig out and join us or the many activities coming to the Senior Center. On Monday, March 19th, Jennifer Silk will be performing her "Strings of Silk" show. It is a musical potpourri of her most popular requests and true stories about her career performing for famous people, places and events. Her violin will tug at your heart strings. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of her performance.

Wednesday, March, 21st, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair at the Senior Center. Participating members will include chiropractors, nutritionists, insurance companies, senior care groups podiatrists and so much more. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. There

is no charge for visitor.

For further information you may call the Chamber at 424-8300. To close out the month we have the Box lunch Day. This is the newest event at the Center. Thanks to Founders Bank, who is this month's sponsor, we are able to offer a wonderful lunch, bingo, and fellowship to many seniors in the Village. Founders Bank is kind enough to sponsor this event and will offer a Reverse Mortgage presentation to those in attendance. Tickets may be purchased for this program at the Center for \$3.00. Lunch will consist of corned beef, cabbage and the trimmings. Seating is limited. For further information about any activities and programs at the Senior Center, you may call 499-2040.

## Oak Lawn dumps Waste Management

By Matt Mayer

Following a lengthy discussion, the Oak Lawn Village Board approved a Public Works/Water Works Committee request to enter into a 56-month contract with Veolia ES (Environmental Services) Solid Waste Midwest, Inc of West Chicago, for the collection and disposal of refuse, recyclables and landscape waste in the village for a 56-month term beginning May 1, 2007. The committee also voted to accept the alternative senior citizen discount program in the amounts of \$15.21 per month for seniors 65 year of age verses \$16.90 per month for non seniors as well as the optional totter program that which adds an additional \$1.50 per month for a 96-gallon refuse totter and \$1.55 per month for a 64 gallon recycling totter. Residents are not required to use the totters, according to a representative from Veolia who was present to field questions.

Veolia is the former Onyx Company, which underwent a name change in 2006, due to the company's global aspirations. Onyx was the firm the village was considering to contract last year. However at that time the board chose to extend the contract with Waste Management for an additional year. Village officials claim the new contract with Veolia will save residents money and especially increase revenues for recyclables, which is a 50/50 rebate split with the collection company. Officials have claimed since last year that Waste Manage-

ment hasn't be straightforward in their calculations and therefore the village was not receiving its fair share.

Veolia is located at 4612 W. Lake Street and operates a transfer station next door at 4700 W. Lake Street in Melrose Park. The trucks and equipment, which will be used for, refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection in the village will be housed at this location.

Veolia will utilize Resource Management Inc in Chicago Ridge for the recyclables, which will provide rebate checks. Veolia will provide the village with a monthly accounting of the recycling volume collected and delivered along with copies of delivery tickets if so desired.

In accordance with the contract, which stipulates it is anticipated that Veolia will utilize the following facilities for processing and/or disposal of waste: refuse, Veolia Melrose Park transfer station; Groot/Crown, McCook transfer station for a back up; Veolia Orchard Hill landfill, Davis Junction, for final disposal; Recycling, Veolia, Melrose Park Transfer Station and the above mentioned Resource Management Inc in Chicago Ridge, for final processing; Yard waste, Veolia Melrose Park transfer station, with final processing at Hammon Farms, Yorkville; White goods, A&R Scrap Processors, in Chicago. Additional Information regarding Veolia may be obtained online by visiting [www.onyxwasteservices.com](http://www.onyxwasteservices.com) or <http://www.veoliawasteservices.com> or by call the village hall at 636-440.



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## Illinois' Economy can gain \$10.1 Billion

In a recent communication from "Alliance for Excellent Education" it was noted that Illinois' Economy can gain \$10.1 Billion, if all high school students graduate on time. The new brief "The High Cost of High School Dropouts: What the Nation Pays for Inadequate High Schools" was funded by The Met Life Foundation. The Alliance brief argues the dropout drain the state and nation's economy by lowering tax revenues and increasing the cost of social programs. High school graduates make higher wages and live longer.

The number of dropouts was determined using enrollment data for ninth grade 2002-2003 school year (National Center for Educational Statistics, Common Core Data: 2002) and the high school graduation rate in 2006 (Editorial Projects in Education, 2006), which was then multiplied by \$260,000 estimated lifetime earnings difference between a high school dropout and a high school graduate (Rouse, 2005).

The Alliance for Excellent Education is a Washington-based policy, research and advocacy organization that works to make every child a graduate, prepared for post-secondary education and success in life. For more information on Alliance for Excellent Education visit the web [www.all4ed.org](http://www.all4ed.org).

## News from Senator Edward D Maloney

State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago), chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, led a meeting with all of the presidents of Illinois' public universities at the state capitol. The meeting purpose was to highlight the issues facing higher education community against the backdrop of the new spring session of the Illinois General Assembly.

"Baser on the rhetoric we saw in the first few days of the 95th General Assembly, I am reasonably certain that the issue of K-12 funding will receive major at-

tention this year' said Senator Maloney, "and the attention is well-deserved. But in my role as chairman of higher education Committee, it is my intent to see that the issues concerning higher education aren't overlooked." "Every member of the general Assembly supports education, but they all have a different point of view on where those resources should be allocated." Key statistics brought up at the meeting included:

1. It has been five years since there was any significant increase in funding for

higher education in Illinois, even though K-12 funding has risen significantly during the same time period.

2. There is a shortage of nurses in Illinois, and this is directly linked to a shortage of nurse educators in Illinois.

3. There is a shortage of teachers in Illinois, which affects the preparation of incoming students in the university system.

4. One of the effects of having fewer college-prepared incoming college students is that in Illinois, for every 100 ninth

graders, only 20 graduate with a degree within six years.

5. An individual with a high school diploma earns, as annual average \$31,000 and can expect to earn on average \$1.4 million in their lifetime. By contrast, an individual with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn, on average, \$50,000 annually and \$2.5 million over their lifetime.

6. A strong higher education system supports individual financial success, a strong state economy, and a competitive nation. So it not only benefits the stu-

## Military News

Army National Guard Pfc. Kevin P. Frawley has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Daniel Frawley of S. 92nd Ave., Orland Hills, Ill.

Frawley is a 2001 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School, Tinley Park, Ill.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Beverly A. Bull has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

The graduate received instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, oral and written communications skills, and physical fitness fundamentals. The non-commissioned officer performed as a supervisor to learn behavior concepts, problem solving, and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization. The sergeant learned to orientate new servicemembers in the principles, practices and tools necessary to function in the Air Force.

Bull is a gastroenterology element superintendent with 13 years of military service, and assigned to the 88th Medical Operations Squadron, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

She is the daughter of William J. Gleason of East Circle Drive, Crestwood, Ill.

Bull graduated in 1992 from Maria High School, Chicago, Ill., and received an associate degree in 1997 from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Biloxi, Miss.

Army Spec. Demetrius A. Myers has been awarded the 1st Cavalry Division combat patch for service in a war zone or hazardous duty area while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The combat patch represents the unit that the soldier serves with while deployed to a wartime theater of operations for more than 60 days. The patch is formally presented at an awards ceremony by the soldier's unit leadership. Combat patches are worn on the right shoulder sleeve of the soldier's uniform.

Myers is a human resource/information systems management specialist with one year of military service.

He is the nephew of James D. Myers of S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill., and son of Helen F. Myers of Wood St., Blue Island, Ill.

The specialist is a 2003 graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School, Blue Island.

Army Reserve Spec. Demetrius Meyers has been awarded the 1st Cavalry Division combat patch for service in a war zone or hazardous duty area while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Meyers is a movement specialist with one year of military service.

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## Fashion show

St. Rita High School Mothers' Club is hosting their annual fashion show,

'Dancing with the Stars' on Thursday, April 19, at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest, at 6 pm. Tickets \$35 per person. Cash bar. To order tickets, call Laura Kennedy at 773-925-6600, ext. 6653.



## Chicagoland Flower & Garden Show Prepares Splendid Showcase in Rosemont March 10-18

The 13th annual Chicagoland Flower and Garden Show, presented by Belgard Hardscapes, will offer several new features at the popular show. It also has moved to a new, more convenient location at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd. in Rosemont, Ill. The show opens on Saturday, March 10, and continues through Sunday, March 18.

Tony Abruscato, show director says, "We're thrilled to be at the Stephens Convention Center near O'Hare International Airport because it's accessible from anywhere in the Midwest. It's affordable too: all-day parking is only \$11."

Abruscato adds, "And we're extremely gratified by the enthusiastic response to our fresh approach to the show. Both the gardening community and landscaping industry have embraced this opportunity. A quick tour of our Web site, [chicagoflower.com](http://chicagoflower.com), confirms that visitors can enjoy established favorites and explore new experiences. We're also proud that many of the new activities for show visitors will benefit Chicago not-for-profit organizations."

**Dream Gardens** In keeping with the show's theme, Blooms of Brilliance, 14 top gardeners, landscape architects and designers are creating Dream Gardens meant to inspire amateur gardeners. Among this year's attractions are water features spotlighted in the St. Charles-based Aquascape Inc. garden; The Enabling Garden devised by James Martin Assoc. of Vernon Hills for the Arthritis Foundation Greater Chicago Chapter; the labyrinth of pavers and plantings next to a patio with a fire pit created by AVIV Gardening of Skokie; and Woodstock-based Rich's Foxwillow Pines Nursery's vignettes with plantings geared to smaller spaces.

**Teaching Garden** This special working garden is where experts offer proven advice for budding and avid gardeners alike. Developed to weed-out worries, the Teaching Garden offers an array of demonstrations and seminars conducted by Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Horticultural Extension Bureau and pros from the Chicago Botanic Garden.

At 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day there will be Potting Parties where you can learn all about container gardening. The classes are limited to 20 people per session and costs \$20, which goes to charity as a donation. Participants take home their potted class work. [chicagoflower.com](http://chicagoflower.com) has the details for registering groups and for the charity of the day.

**Seminars and Speakers** Four times a day, on average, professionals will share tricks and tips of the trade, including ideas to give gardens a fresh new look. For fun and encouragement, visitors can't beat award-winning actress and writer Donna Blue Lachman, who performs a short excerpt from her new one-woman show *On Death*

and Gardening" at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 10. She appears along with actor, writer and WGN Radio talk show host Mike Nowak as they both share their experiences in the garden.

Another highlight is a presentation by nationally known gardening expert and author Melinda Myers, who speaks on, *Shade Gardening Beyond Hostas* at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 18. A comprehensive list of speakers is posted online.

**Garden Gourmet** Three times a day, one-hour culinary demonstrations are presented by Royal Prestige kitchen and home products on the Garden Gourmet stage. Top Chicagoland chefs, among them The Hearty Boys from The Food Network's Party Line with The Hearty Boys, will dazzle show visitors at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. with their talents and offer cooking tips, especially about how to use garden ingredients. The first 125 guests at each session will have a taste of the delicious dishes.

**Gardening Live** Throughout the show, this area plays host to remote broadcasts with WGN Radio personalities and demonstrations by master gardeners from the Chicago Botanic Garden.

**Garden Marketplace** Nearly 100 booths display, demystify and sell garden-oriented and outdoor living products and services.

**Sponsors** In addition to title sponsor Belgard Hardscapes, major sponsors include Chicagoland Chevy Dealers, WGN-AM Radio 720, Canon Cameras, the Daily Herald, Chicagoland Gardening Magazine, Royal Prestige kitchen and home products, and Special Events Management.

**Belgard pavers and retaining wall products** are manufactured by Oldcastle, the North American arm of CHR plc, a major international producer of construction materials and building products. Designed to provide a lifetime of protection in all climates, they also enhance the aesthetics and value of their surroundings. With a wide selection of colors, shapes and finishes, the pavers and wall systems complement any architectural style, from Craftsman to Contemporary and Mission to Mediterranean. For more information about Belgard products, call 877-222-1557 or visit [BelgardUSA.com](http://BelgardUSA.com).

**Show Hours and Group Sales** The Chicagoland Flower & Garden Show is open from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Sundays through Thursday, and until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturdays. Adult admission is \$14 weekends, \$12 weekdays; admission for children aged 4 to 12 is \$5 all days. All-day parking is \$11. For information or to order tickets, visit <http://www.chicagoflower.com>.

For details about group sales, call Jaci Hollarbush at 773-435-1250 ext. 249 or visit [chicagoflower.com](http://chicagoflower.com) and click on Groups to download a form.

## Professional Pet Sitters Week Celebrates Growing Industry, March 4-10, 2007

KING, NC (PSI)—The job of a typical professional pet sitter consists of long hours, seven days a week, 365 days a year. A pet sitter's dedicated service permits pet owners the ability to leave home for business or vacation with the knowledge that their beloved pets are safe and in capable, caring hands. Pet Sitters International will honor these puppy-hardened pros during Professional Pet Sitters Week, March 4-10, 2007.

Professional Pet Sitters Week, PPSW is a celebration of international proportion. The 2007 event will involve pet sitters from across the United States and around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Greece, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, and Sweden.

For pet owners, professional pet sitters provide a unique alternative to boarding facilities or having to rely on family and friends for quality pet care. Whatever the task, pets always receive one-on-one attention from a professional pet sitter.

For pet enthusiasts, professional pet sitting is the gateway to an entrepreneurial career path that affords them a livelihood with flexible hours and a sense of fulfillment. It is a career choice that translates into a win-win situation for all three components: pet, pet owner and professional pet sitter.

According to "Pet Sitting for Profit" author and PSI

President Patti Moran, PSI members serve nearly one million homes annually. With more than 62 percent of U.S. households owning pets, it is easy to see why the focus on Professional Pet Sitters Week has become a global event.

Founded in 1994, PSI is the world's largest educational association for professional pet sitters, serving a membership comprised of 7,600 independent professional pet-sitting businesses. "Thanks to the fact that pet owners have embraced in-home pet care so enthusiastically, pet sitting has become one of the fastest-growing home-based industries in the world," states Moran. "At PSI, our goal is to help our members grow in knowledge, confidence and professionalism—and to celebrate their effort along the way."

Among the businesses in the world, only a few stand at the forefront of their trade. PSI relishes its role as leader—setting standards of service and performance, spearheading innovations, giving direction and substance to emerging trends. Today, PSI is an emerging global enterprise and is considered by most to be the industry model for individuals wishing to turn their love for animals into viable, long-term careers.

PSI invites anyone interested in a pet-sitting career or learning more about the advantages of hiring a professional pet sitter to visit [www.petsit.com](http://www.petsit.com) <<http://www.petsit.com>>.

## Spring tree planting program in Evergreen Park

Evergreen Park residents or businesses looking to replace a tree or add a little nature to their front and backyards can come into the Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie and pickup the latest Spring Tree Planting brochure. Residents can choose between 24 different varieties of shade trees and ornamental trees. New this year to the program are three types of evergreen trees, a Crimson King Maple, a dark pink Crab tree, Montmorency Cherry tree, Merrill Magnolia and Saucer Magnolia trees. Pictures of the trees are displayed at the Village Hall. All orders and payments must be made in full by Friday, March 30, 2007. The cost of the tree includes planting, mulch, root hormone and a one year, one time, 100% free replacement guarantee. Planting is scheduled for late April/early May. Contact Mary Keane at 229.8219 for more information.

## Traveling Gulag exhibit to stop at Moraine Valley Library

The Moraine Valley Community College Library will host the Gulag Labor Camp, Perm-36: The Forgotten Holocaust exhibit March 12-30 as part of the college's Global Education Program. The traveling exhibit is composed of several tri-panels and cases that house authentic artifacts such as posters and barbed wire from Soviet Gulag camps, forced labor concentration camps used for all types of prisoners but became primarily known as places to house political prisoners. The Library is in Building L, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

The free exhibit is being offered in conjunction with the college's One Book, One College March event as 1984, the selected text, addresses labor camp themes. Alan Barenberg, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago, will lecture about "Soviet Era Gulag Camps" on Thursday, March 27, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Library. He is currently completing his dissertation on Gulag camps. His interest in the topic began in 1998 when he spent a summer in Moscow collecting oral histories of Gulag survivors.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education, which is housed at Kalamazoo Community College. Moraine Valley is a member.

For more information on the Gulag exhibit, call Merri Fefles, Global Education Program coordinator, at (708) 974-5393.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at [crotty@morainevalley.edu](mailto:crotty@morainevalley.edu).

## Evergreen Park Historical Commission Meeting

The Evergreen Park Historical Commission will hold its next meeting on Tuesday March 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Village Hall 9418 S. Kedzie Avenue.

Residents of Evergreen Park are invited to attend this open public meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Updates on commission activities will highlight this meeting. For more information contact Jerry Bosch at 229-2385.



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## Spring Coloring Contest

You can pick up a copy of the spring coloring contest form at either office of the Hickory Hills Park District starting Monday, March 5. Age groups are Preschool, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, and Fourth grades. One entry per person. Colored pictures are to be returned no later than 12 noon, March 30. Winners will be announced on April 2. Pictures will be displayed at the Cynthia Neal Center.

### Jelly Bellies Guessing Contest

Beginning March 5 there will be a jar of Jelly Bellies at each of the Hickory Hills Park District recreation centers. Come in and see if you can guess how many jelly beans are in the jar. Winners will keep the jar of Jelly Bellies! In case of a tie, we will pull the names from a hat. Final guesses must be made by 5:00 p.m., March 30, 2007. One guess per person. Guesses cannot go over the actual Jelly Belly count. Good Luck!

### Egg, Carrot & Candy Hunt

Stop by Kasey Meadow Park for the fastest special event of the year. Collect candy, carrots and eggs

in your basket or bag (that you bring) that Peter Cottontail has set out on Saturday, March 31 (residents only!). Separate areas will be set up for the various age groups. Pictures with the Bunny are available from 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. for \$3.00. If in doubt about the weather, please call the park at 598-1233 to get a current update on this special event. Rain Date is scheduled for Sunday, April 1.

For more information, please call 708-598-1233 or visit our website at [www.hhpdistrict.org](http://www.hhpdistrict.org).

## Free Sweet Adeline Concert

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free Sweet Adeline concert 2-3 p.m. Sunday, March 11. More than a dozen female singers from the Western Lights Chorus will perform much-loved old standards and other favorites in the four-part harmony barbershop style. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawn-library.org](http://www.oaklawn-library.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Kennedy Park Baseball and Softball Reunion/Fundraiser

Kennedy Park is celebrating over 50 years of baseball this spring. We would like to invite you to join us, Saturday March 24, 2007, from 1-6 P.M., for a Reunion/Fundraising Party at Bourbon St. We're looking for all past players, coaches, umpires, and board members to come out. Parents of former and current players are also welcome. Since the late 1950's, baseball at Kennedy Park has created memories and friendships that have lasted for years.

Cost: \$25.00 (includes food & beverages)



## Richards students take home honors at SSSI

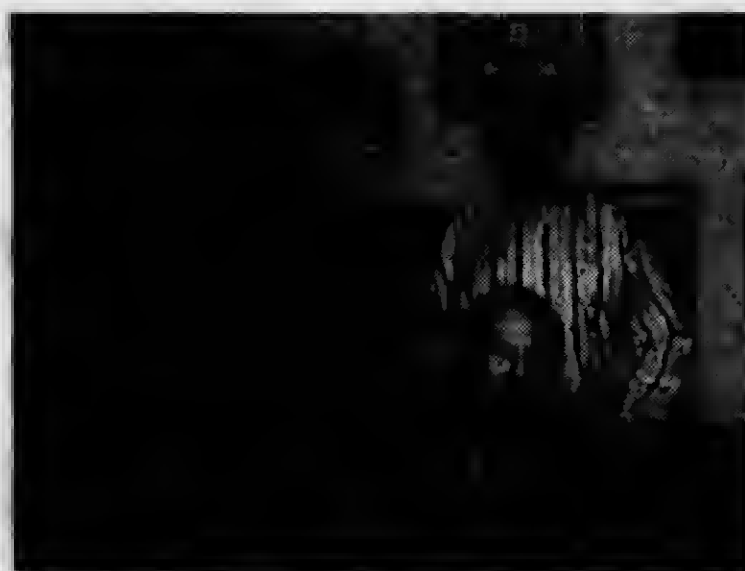
Science Club members from Richards High School won numerous honors at the South Suburban Science Invitational, an event featuring 20 teams from area high schools. Moraine Valley Community College hosted the event on Saturday, February 24.

Devin Flores won a second place medal in Biology and a third place medal in Earth/Space Science Exam. Other students winning third place medals included Daniel Hernandez (Egg Drop Contest) and the team of Brian Greco and Jasser Khairallah (Science Bowl).

Kris Nair won two medals, including fourth place medal (Biology) and fifth (Physics). Other fifth place winners included Brian Greco (Earth/Space Science Exam) and Jasser Khairallah (Insect Identification).

## "A New Coffee House in Town"

"TLC Heavenly Brew" is a new coffee house sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church at 97th and Brandt Avenue, Oak Lawn. The Coffee house will be open on Sunday, March 11 from 6-9 pm. The "Brew Crew" will be serving regular and decaf coffee along with specialty coffee, lattes, cocoa, and sweet treats. Entertainment will be piano music by Ron Dennison. The coffee that is used is from Equal Exchange Fair Trade which is an organization that gives back to the local farmer growing the coffee so they can build a better life for themselves and their families. Products are also available for purchase to take home. Come and relax and enjoy great "brew" and fellowship. Questions, please call the church office at 708-422-0193.



At a recent meeting the Lions Club of Evergreen Park had as its featured speaker Lions District 1-A Governor Al Warshaw. The Governor outlined programs for the District to be worked on for this year. The Governor also installed new member Lion Jerry Werner at this meeting.

Shown above is Governor Warshaw (seated), Lion Jerry Werner on left and recently installed new member Lion Phil Sisto on right. Not pictured are recently installed new members Lion Gary and Lion Joyce Krohne. For further info on the Lions club you may visit their web site @ <http://lionsclubofevergreenparkil.lionwap.org>.

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## Dear editor,

I have read in the newspaper, the Village's Oak Lawn Outlook, etc. since being elected, the Unity Party of Mayor Dave Heilmann has succeeded in saving millions of dollars wasted by the former administration by getting a new insurance carrier, finding brokerage commissions from \$150,000. to \$20,000., restructured health care plans saving \$640,000. over the next two years, reducing costs incurred in expense accounts and travel expenses that were budgeted at \$140,000., finding that Waste Management had not paid back the Village the amount due from the recyclables, wasting time and government money by challenging candidates filing to get on the ballot, etc. (however, not a word was said in 2005 by the Unity Party about the mayoral and clerk challenge but perhaps it was because their party candidates were not challenged)

The Republican Unity Party mayor and trustees have been quoted as to saving millions. They also say that they have a balanced budget in 2007. The budget was unanimously approved by the Democratic Coalition and Republican Unity Party for 2007 in December of 2006 even though there is a budget deficit of \$3.7 million dollars as reported in the Reporter Newspaper Dec. 14, 2006. Also reported is that the shortfall of \$3.7 million is being taken out of existing village funds but the fund is not identified. Could that be the fund that taxes vehicle gas at 3 cent a gallon and then rolled back to 2 cents for the Village while the gas station owners get the other 1 cent for bookkeeping? We are still paying 3 cents extra on every gallon of gas that we buy for our vehicles as the tax was not eliminated, just rolled back. I think that 3 cent tax was to pay for street work - does that mean that fund is being used for other purposes than the original idea of street repair? Further, I do believe we get additional funds from the national and/or state government for street/road work. I'm not suggesting that funds are being co-mingled; however it would help to have some clarity on this issue.

However, with that said, the Unity party has announced that they have saved millions of dollars which, in my humble view, should cover any deficit for 2007. But that is not the case as they have budgeted for an additional \$3.7 million to spend. Our expenditures have gone from \$88.1 million in 2006 to \$97.6 million in 2007 which is an increase in spending of \$9.5 million in one year. What are we spending all of that money on? Are we experiencing a better quality of life in the Village because of this spending? Further, the revenue for 2006 was \$86.3 million and the revenue for 2007 is projected at \$93.9 million. That is an increase of \$7.6 million in revenue over last year. They have not raised taxes but have collected an additional \$7.6 million from somewhere. Where did this money come from?

I'm sure that the mayor and trustees have a plan and know what they are doing. We, the residents would like to understand the plan and communication will be improved when the Board of Trustee meetings are televised on the government channel.

Going back, Mayor Heilmann is quoted concerning the millions in waste Sept. 2005 in the Chicago Tribune, "My God, we're talking about a lot of money, and I hope we will save money each year as we go forward," Heilmann said. "We're trying to establish good sound numbers so we can go forward with the budget." In the same article the following is stated: "In their report, they and Clerk Jan Quinlan - also newly elected - wrote that in the past, village officials solved financial woes by passing tax and utility rate increases rather than attempting to cut expenses."

Is history repeating? Is it time to elect independent trustees who are not part of a party? Does party loyalty sometimes take precedence over the residents' interests in making policy? Would independents take a fresh look at things? Could government be better than it is? Just wondering!

Beverly Ring

## St. Bede the Venerable Happenings:

Things are looking up at St. Bede Parish in the Scottsdale neighborhood. The church, school and the community are strong in numbers and spirit. Father Bill Stenzel the church pastor has been instrumental in helping the church, school and neighborhood move forward.

Rick Guerin the school principal has been a fixture for 33 years. Stated "Our school is doing something right". St. Bede day school has over 650 children all from different cultures and background. Per Mr. Guerin the kids all get along and they support one another.

The parish and school is thriving with activities The Women's Guild will have a Bunco Party March 24th in the church hall at 6:00 PM. The Spring Fashion Show "A Passion for Fashion" is scheduled for April 22, 2007 at The Doubletree in Alsip, Ill. Special Guest include Kenny McReynolds from WCIU, a five time Emmy winner and Mr. & Mrs Pat Camden. Pat Camden is the director of public relations for the Chicago Police Department. The church will also be having Bingo on Sunday afternoon on March 18th, door open 1pm (smoke free) \$ 20.00 cash at the door.

For information about upcoming events at St. Bede contact the church rectory 773-582-9100

## Annuities: Income for Life

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free financial planning seminar about annuities 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15. Participants will learn the basics of these fixed and variable products and discover how to properly use them to generate income for life. Presented by Geoff Peterson and Eric Degnan CMFC, financial advisors for Waddell & Reed.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Student Art Exhibit: St. Linus School

Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth Services Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. to view an exhibit of artwork created by students of St. Linus School in Oak Lawn through March 15.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Hometown Christian Church,

4340 W. 87th Street. March 17, 5:30 pm. Tickets \$9 for adults,

\$4 children 6-12, under 6 free. No reservations or tickets at the door.

Call 708-423-5038 for additional information.

## Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

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## NumAstrology

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**Jacki Mari and Alyn**  
**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:**

For all Signs for March 6th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and Telfriend

### Happy Birthday Kent & Mike Hansen

**Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo:** Maybe you should take time to re-evaluate your life & where it's taking you. J helps, ask.

**Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer:** There are definitely challenges to be met this week. Money is involved & promises too.

**Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius:** You must finish what you started & don't be afraid to demand your price. E & F help.

**Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn:** J & S seem to be the very helps you need but may not think you could ask. Do it.

**Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** Read the above message & add this: You get what you go after this week.

**Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** This is a "no effort-no gain week." Make a plan & do not be talked out of it! S aids.

**Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius:** Wear Gold this week & expect the best to come from your efforts. Believe in you! R aids.

**Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** The answer you need comes from a stranger who seems more like an Angel. D aids.

**Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces:** F & B are your helps this week, people you can depend on to set you straight.

Have a Confidential Psychic Session with me. Go more in-depth in-Session. These sessions are taped for your later recall [we're looking ahead 6-12 months], and are by phone or in person. We also do Hypnotherapy for most any problem area. Psychic Counseling too. Psychic House Parties also available [Host/Hostess can be free]. Call 708-597-5866 for information.

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### Psychic Insights & Answer No One Can "Feel" Your Pain

It has to make you wonder about people who insist that they can "feel your pain." You might begin feeling guilty for making them suffer as you are suffering or being denied as you are being denied. By their own statement they make you the "heavy." The psychic-truth is that you alone feel the pain, & only your own body can do something about it, perhaps self-healing or with the help of medication &/or other medical help. E.M. of Worth says, "just about 3/4 of my life has been pain-ridden & very stressful. My grandma always says that when I get to be her age I will know what pain & suffering really are. Do older people realize that pain has no age & suffering happens even to the youngest of us?" Yes, most do, but pain & suffering are usually "talkable."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Sectionals Lemont, Illinois – February 23, 2007:

With a new coach, new uniforms, and a fresh new perspective, Mount Assisi's Dance Team is well on their way to achieving championship status. After several months of hard work and dedication, along with choreographing and practicing routines, the Dance Team is now heading to Sectional Competition on Saturday, March 3 at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park.

Dance Team Coach and English teacher Kristy Kane has confidently guided the girls through a challenging season. Kane said the team's overall scores have improved in comparison to years past, which is attributed to the positive attitude and strong work ethic of the participants.

"The team has worked very hard and I am proud of them," said Kane. "This is the best season Mount Assisi's had in terms of overall scores and competition placement."

Assistant Coach Michelle Schmidt serves as the team's Choreographer, creating and teaching complex dance moves that incorporate detailed and intricate use of poms. Practices take place three to four days a week, with dress rehearsals scheduled on the weekends.

Dance Team members include freshmen Kelly Flynn (Orland Park) and Chelsey O'Brien (Lockport); sophomores Jen Anderson (Orland Park), Geena Gomez dela Casa (Chicago), Victoria Gott (Chicago), Sam Hyzny (Chicago), Mary McLaughlin (Burr Ridge), Christina Palutis (Lemont) and Alyssa Signore (Chicago); juniors Katie Healy (Chicago), Christine Murphy (Chicago) and Kelsey Smolek (Palos Park); and senior Katie Dillenburg (Lemont). Murphy and Smolek are Co-Captains and junior Jessica Novak (Chicago) is the team Manager.

A member of the Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA), the Mount Assisi Dance Team has competed against several catholic and public high schools throughout the Chicago metropolitan area and north-west Indiana. Seasonal competitions occur on Saturday or Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

State Competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 17 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

## Lipinski Bill Preserving Illinois Steel Jobs and Protecting Environment Passes Science Committee

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, the House Science and Technology Committee passed Congressman Dan Lipinski's bill to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988, known as the Metals Initiative. H.R. 1126 provides research funding to make American steel and other metals more efficient and environmentally friendly.

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 652/Cub Scout Pack 3652 are having their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser Saturday March 10, 2007, 3-8 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. Tickets cost \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and children under 4 eat free!

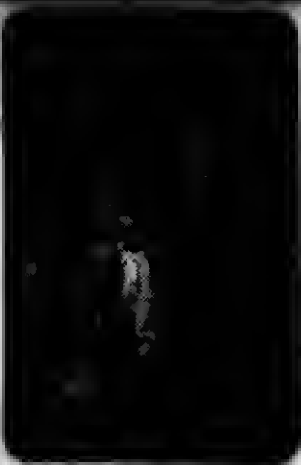
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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity

kathywhirity@yahoo.com.

### ENTERTAINING AN OVERNIGHT GUEST

Last Saturday night Bill and I had a special sleepover of sorts. When Jaime asked us to babysit our grand puppy, Maizy, we didn't hesitate in saying yes. After all, we did offer our services whenever they needed us.

We went about the task of puppy proofing the house. We know, from previous visits, what trouble Maizy likes to get into at our house. The small waste baskets in the bathrooms and laundry room immediately get emptied and put out of reach. Since anything is fair game if it is within her grasp we pretty much cleared the family room of objects big and small. The candles in the wrought iron tray, that sit on the cocktail table, were placed behind closed doors.

Bill made a quick trip to the grocery store to buy some snacks for the big night. Rawhide bones and a few chew toys were on the list. Hannah, our beloved retriever, had no clue that, with cousin Maizy's presence, she'd be competing for our attention when company came to visit.

Maizy's masters brought her right on time. As anticipated, things were hectic for about the first hour. Then something amazing happened. Maizy seemed to sense this was her second home and settled in for the evening.

She plopped in front of the fireplace and chewed her bone with the en-

thusiasm of a fox hound on the hunt.

Hannah was a gracious hostess. She romped in the backyard with Maizy and even pretended to enjoy the rambunctious shenanigans of her younger counterpart.

When bedtime was upon us I wondered if Maizy would continue her good behavior and settle in for a good night's sleep.

It seemed to be no problem. The pampered pooch jumped up on the bed and curled up at my feet. Hannah, whose paws have never set foot on my quilted bedspread, layed beside the bed, oblivious to the queen bee treatment that Maizy was receiving.

All was well, dogs were dozing peacefully, and as I drifted off to sleep I was jostled awake by the ringing of the phone. Checking the clock I noticed it was 2:00 A.M.

It was our dear and thoughtful son-in-law. They were on their way home from their evening out and wanted to know if they should pick up Maizy. I assured him that she was fine and that we would keep her till the morning. I no sooner hung up the phone and Maizy sprang into action, ready to jump off the bed and head for the door. A quick trip outside and we were back to bed.

Morning dawned and we realized we happily survived a night with our grandpuppy.

We dropped her off at home, later that afternoon, and I jokingly warned my daughter that she may lose her furry friend.

Later that evening, with the house back to normal, Bill looked over at Hannah, laying solo in front of the t.v. and suggested that maybe it was time to find Hannah a full time playmate.

I thought it was pretty odd seeing that, for the longest time, I was the one hinting for another dog. But, now my thoughts on the subject have changed. Hannah will be quite content when the fur kids come to visit, as we will be too. This part time puppy pampering will serve us well. For now we will welcome the opportunity to dote on our daughter's new addition, a darling, dippy doodle of a dog.

And when our married daughter calls to say - guess who's coming to dinner? - we automatically know to get the dog dishes ready as we look forward to the happy sounds of little Miss Maizy who brings fun loving chaos to our home.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

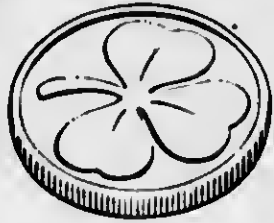
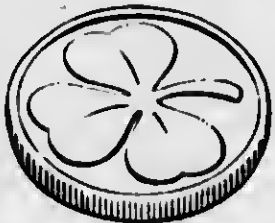
There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. (Ben Williams.)

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A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

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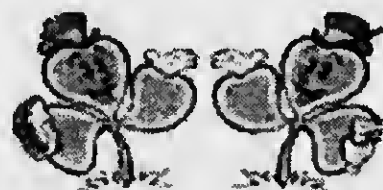
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Students from District 135's Century Jr. High recently participated in Operation Shoebox in partnership with the Orland Park Veterans' Commission. Students collected candy, magazines, toiletries, books, music, games and food for soldiers currently stationed in Iraq. The collection for Operation Shoebox (called so because of the size of packages sent to the soldiers) concluded on Valentine's Day with a full van of donated goods.



Century Jr. High 7th grader Michelle Magana joined her classmates in helping to carry items the school had collected for Operation Shoebox, a partnership with the Orland Park Veterans Commission to gather toiletries, candy and other items for soldiers serving in Iraq.

## St. Xavier University continues Classics at Noon

The Lake Shore Singers will perform quartets by Johannes Brahms on Friday, February 23 at noon at St. Xavier University's Mc Guire Hall, 3700 W 103rd St. Chicago. The quartet is comprised of soprano, Kathleen Van Graaff, mezzo-soprano, Jan Bickel, tenor Christopher Lorimer and bass-baritone, Peter Van Graaff. Accompanist is Daniel Surma. The members of Lake Shore Singers are known locally, nationally and internationally for their vocal performances.

The March 23 concert will feature, concert pianist, Amy Briggs-Dissanayake in a program of Schubert, Ravel and Ligeti. On April 20 the concert will feature Abellimento, Chicago's premier flute-and-harp duo featuring Gia Sastre (flute) and Ann Laura Tapia (harp). The concerts are open to the public and a \$5 donation will be accepted at the door. Xavier Classics at Noon provides 50 minutes of fine classical music to the University and surrounding area. The series has been a part of the Illinois Arts Council since 2005.

For more information visit the web at [www.sxu.edu/music/concert.asp](http://www.sxu.edu/music/concert.asp).

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## Family Histories Workshop

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host "Writing Family Histories" 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. This free introductory workshop will address how to start a personal memoir or record family stories for the next generation. Presented by Nancy Beckett, an award winning playwright, master teacher and founder of the Lakeside Writing Studio.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Library Seeks Input from Teens

Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Oak Lawn Public Library Teen Advisory Board 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. The group holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. No registration required. Light refreshments provided.

For more information, call 708-422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W. 95th St.

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## Francis Cardinal George speaks at Saint Xavier University on March 8 Lecture part of 160th anniversary Catholic Colloquium Series

Chicago (Feb. 19, 2007) – Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, will speak as part of Saint Xavier University's 160th anniversary Catholic Colloquium lecture series at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the Butler Reception Room, Warde Academic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Cardinal George's lecture is titled "Paradigms of Interpretation: Catholic Universities and Catholic Moral Life." His lecture is the fourth in a five-part series examining what it means to "be in good standing" with the Catholic Church and the challenges facing Catholic universities since the Second Vatican Council, said Michael O'Keeffe, associate professor of religious studies at Saint Xavier, who helped organize the series.

"In this series, we have invited renowned Catholic scholars to provide theological perspectives that could inform our thinking about social, political and religious issues that did not even exist at the time of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s," said Sister Susan Sanders, R.S.M., vice president for University Mission and Heritage at Saint Xavier, who also helped organize the event. "When Cardinal George came to Saint Xavier in October 2002, he gave a path-breaking theological perspective on pre-emptive war. I am eager to hear his ideas about the role Catholic universities can play in the moral life of Catholics."

Cardinal George was appointed eighth Archbishop of Chicago in April 1997 and was named Cardinal by Pope John Paul II in January

1998. He is vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Liturgy and the ad hoc Committee on Shrines. He is the chancellor of the Catholic Church Extension Society and chancellor of the board of advisors of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Catholic University of America, a trustee of the Papal Foundation, a member of the board of directors of the National Bio-ethics Center in Boston, and a member of the board of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Cardinal George was the only Chicago-born cardinal ever to vote in a papal election, participating in the 2005 conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI. He served as vicar general of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Rome from 1974 to 1986. Since 1990, he has been Episcopal Moderator and a member of the board of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities.

The lecture series, which is funded in part by Saint Xavier's Office for University Mission and Heritage and a generous contribution from the Lilly Fellows Program, is one of many events to celebrate Saint Xavier University's 160th anniversary. The series also celebrates the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Mercy by Mother Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831.

For more information about the lecture series, please contact Kathy Mareska at (773) 298-3981 or [mareska@sxu.edu](mailto:mareska@sxu.edu).

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## SOFTBALL LEAGUES OFFERED

Tinley Park, Illinois, February 27, 2007 – The Tinley Park-Park District has a few spaces remaining for its summer adult softball leagues. Women's 16" softball will be offered on Tuesday evenings, with game times at 6:45 or 7:45 pm at various parks. Women's 11" slowpitch softball will be offered on Wednesday evenings, with game times at 6:45 or 7:45 pm at various parks. Registration fees for both leagues are \$540 for residents and \$590 for non-resident teams, and

include game balls, umpire fees and prize money. Space remains in the Men's Sunday morning and afternoon softball leagues. Game times are either 9:30 am or 12:00 pm at various parks. Registration fee is \$580 for resident teams and \$630 for non-resident teams. A \$50 deposit will hold your spot so get your team registered today. Registration fee is due in full by April 1st. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

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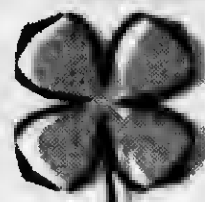
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## Steppenwolf announces acts for Traffic Jam

The line-up for the three week festival February 22-March 12, 2007 that celebrates music, language and performance is set. All performances are at 7:30pm unless noted and are at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N Halsted. Tickets are \$290/\$50. Call 312-335-1560.

Kahil El Aabar and friends (jazz) is Feb 22, John Pizzarelli Quartet (jazz ballads) is Feb 23, Dar Williams (Feb 24) folk-pop, Koko Taylor and friends is 3pm on Feb 25 (Music and Memories History), short story readings on Feb 26 by Cheryl Bruce, Bluegrass by Bill Frisell and friends on March 1, rock bootleg tribute on March 2, at 7 and 9:30pm on March 3 the comedian Sandra Bernhard, Ditty Bops on March 7 (folk, bluegrass). On March 8 is a cabaret, March 9 has Jon Brian, singer, on March 10 is Oleta Adams, soul, jazz and gospel and short stories are March 12 directed by Michael Edgar Myers.

Steppenwolf Theatre Company announced six new ensemble members: Alana Arenas, Kate Arrington, Ian Barford, Jon Hill, Ora Jones and James Vincent Meredith. The ensemble now totals 41 members announced Artistic Director, Martha Lavey with the counsel of the founders, Gary Sinise, Jeffery Perry and Terry Kinney and ensemble associates.

Arenas holds a BFA from Theatre School at DePaul and has appeared at Steppenwolf and New Victory Off Broadway Gardens and is from Miami. Arrington has appeared regionally at Steppenwolf, Goodman in New York at Lincoln Center and numerous other theaters and in film. Barford began his association with Steppenwolf in 1988 as an intern from Illinois State University. He has appeared in many plays at Steppenwolf, on Broadway and received the theatre award in 1996 for promising artist.

Hill is currently in his senior year at the University of Illinois in the Acting program. Jones has appeared with Steppenwolf, received a Jeff nomination, received an After Dark Award at Writers' Theatre, has appeared at CST, Goodman, Victory Gardens and Chicago Children's Theatre. Meredith has appeared regionally at Drury Lane Oakbrook, About Faces, CST, Writers Theatre and Steppenwolf.

Steppenwolf has grown into an internationally renowned company whose talents include acting, directing, playwriting, filmmaking and textual adaptation.

## "Menopause The Musical"

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus trip to see a matinee performance of "Menopause The Musical" Wednesday, April 18 at the Copley Theatre of the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora, IL. An in-person registration will be held 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95 St.

Enjoy a joyful and hilarious celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change," with 25 re-lyricized classic baby boomer hits. "Menopause The Musical" has been entertaining and inspiring women coast-to-coast and internationally since March 2001. The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and admission, is \$50 for Friends members and \$55 for others. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m. and return at 5 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

## Bingo the musical at Apollo Theater

Bingo the winning new musical makes its Chicago premiere at the Apollo Theater with previews March 16-25 and opening March 26, 2007. It features the joys, heartaches, and lessons in winning and losing through the eyes of three die-hard bingo friends. The Apollo Theater is located 2540 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago.

Various mediums salute Bingo as bouncy and well crafted, fun, cheerful, witty and songs that bring down the house. Performance schedule is as follows: Wed at 2 and 8pm, Thurs and Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5 and 8pm and Sun at 3:30pm. Tickets are \$46.50. The box office number is 773-935-6100.

## Drury Lane Oakbrook presents Something's Afoot

Something's Afoot is a zany, entertaining musical that takes a satirical poke at Agatha Christie mysteries and spoofs at things detective. Previews run March 15, opening 22 and run through May 20 at Drury Lane Oakbrook, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. David Perkovich directs the production.

Starring are Iris Lieberman, Susie McMonagle, Don Forston, Liz Pazik, McKinley Carter, Jim Rank, Michael Accardo, Jon Cunningham, Roger Anderson and Mark Mahallak. Stacey Flaster is choreography and Margaret James music director.

Performances are Wed at 1:30pm, Thurs at 1:30 and 8pm, Fri at 8:30pm, Sat at 5 and 8:30pm and Sun at 2 and 6pm. For reservations call the box office at 630-530-0111.

## Musichorale holds 45th Scholarship Contest

By  
Marijo Doody

The Musichorale 45th Annual Scholarship Contest was recently held and the winners in the competition are as follows: High School Division: Ethan Young, age 16, junior at Oswego High School playing on cello "Allemande from Second Suite" JS Bach and "1st Movement from Concerto #1 by Saint Saens.

In the Grammar School Division: George Hyun, age 14 from Winnetka, in 8th grade at Washburne Jr. High,

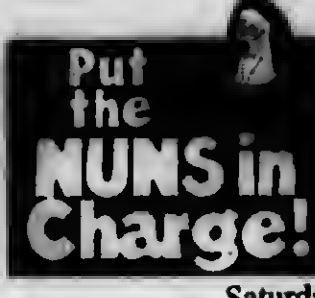
playing on violin "Symphonie Espagnole" by Lalo. Both winners receive a monetary prize of \$500 for education and will be performing at upcoming Musichorale concerts in spring 2007 and at the winter -Noel in 2007.

Second place winners received \$200 and are Jessica Gottesman, 18-from Wilmette on violin and Thomas Aquino, 14, from Chicago on guitar. Third place winners receive \$100 and are Vincent Meklis, 14 from Orland Park on violin and Martin Nyberg, 11 from Chicago on piano.

Judges for the contest were musician-educators from the area and included Meghann Franz, Sue Keller and Gina Turbett with expertise in string horn and keyboard.

Musichorale Scholarship Contest provides a venue for young musicians to foster talent in the vocal and instrumental avenues for the grammar school age and high school age student.

Musichorale, a community based performing choral group is directed by Jeff Silhan and rehearses on Tuesday evening at 9000 S Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. The spring concert is April 22 at Trinity Christian College in the Ozinga Chapel Auditorium at 4:20pm. TCC is located 6601 W College Drive in Palos Heights. For



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## Yeh appointed by CSO

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has appointed Cynthia Yeh to the position of principal percussion. She has substituted for CSO since 2003 and comes from the San Diego Symphony where she served as principal. She joins CSO in June 2007.

Yeh was born in Taipei, Taiwan, received her bachelor in music performance from University British Columbia and her master in musical performance from Temple University in Philadelphia. She has appeared with a number of symphony orchestras.

### Southwest Symphony

The Southwest Symphony's next concert is Saturday, March 10 with the theme 'New World Frontiers.' David Crane conducts the SWS. Music is by Copeland and Dvorak. The concert is at Trinity Christian College, Ozenga Chapel Auditorium, 6601 W College Drive, Palos Heights at 8pm. Tickets are available at the door or by order at 708-802-0686.

## 'Swing' into spring at Moraine Valley Academic Music performances

Moraine Valley Community College's March Academic Music performances will begin with the Moraine Chorale and Chamber Singers' Opera—Again! concert on Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Members of the Chorale will join Moraine Valley faculty members in singing pieces by Mozart, Handel, Engelbert Humperdinck, and a medley from Andrew Lloyd Weber's Phantom of the Opera.

Jazz lovers and swing dancers alike can get their "groove on" during the Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble's Swing Dance concert on Friday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. The center of the theater will be cleared out for swing dancers to dance the night away. Free swing dance lessons will begin at 6:45 p.m. A partner is not required.

Tickets for the performances are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and students. To purchase tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders will be subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu



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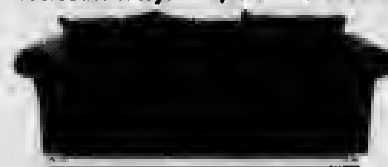
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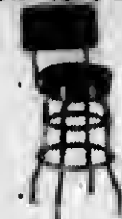
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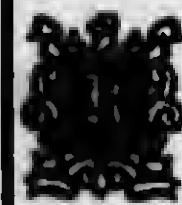
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## Holiday Club for Grades 3-5

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., invites students in third through fifth grade to participate in a monthly Holiday Club from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 and April 24. Registered members create crafts for an upcoming holiday that they may take home or put on display at the library. This program is open to Oak Lawn residents and students of Oak Lawn schools. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

## Court decision affirms states' right to divest from sudan, Collins promises minor changes to landmark law

SPRINGFIELD, IL—State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D—Chicago), who sponsored the nation's first law requiring public divestment from Sudan, applauded the recent court decision that affirmed Illinois' right to divest from Sudan.

"The Court confirmed the State's right to disassociate from the reign of genocide and terrorism that has been killing and maiming thousands of our sisters and brothers in Sudan," said Collins, "And for that, we're very pleased."

"The Court has confirmed that State divestment from Sudan is not pre-empted by the federal government's authority to conduct foreign affairs. The Court has confirmed that corporations are not 'irreparably harmed' by divestment, and have no grounds to enjoin State divestment. The Court has confirmed that nothing prevents other States from following our lead."

"Hundreds of pension funds across the state have been divesting from Sudan in good faith. Taking into account the guidance that we've received from the Court, we will move quickly to promote the State goal of disassociating from genocide and terrorism." As was demonstrated in court, there are 15,000

publicly-traded corporations in the world. Of that number, only about 140 are in Sudan. Thus, the vast majority of publicly-traded corporations (and mutual funds) are Sudan free. These facts notwithstanding, the judge did theorize that some of Illinois' local municipal pension funds would be "irreparably harmed," because they would have to divest from certain equities and certain mutual funds. However, as acknowledged by the court itself, this finding-of-fact has no bearing on the validity of State divestment. Rather, the Court's decision depends entirely on the conclusion that the State of Illinois is not required to "pay benefits if a municipal pension fund is underfunded or becomes insolvent." Based on these conclusions, the court questioned the validity of the Act, but only as it relates to local pension funds.

"We don't expect that this decision will have any adverse impact on the national Sudan divestment movement, which was launched in the public sector by the State of Illinois," said Senator Collins.

"A thorough review of the judge's decision tells me that we can address the judge's concerns with some minor technical changes to the Act, and we will be introducing legislation to that effect very soon."

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## Orland Park approves redevelopment agreement

By Matt Mayer

The village board approved a Main Street redevelopment agreement at the Feb. 19, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. The redevelopment agreement for the Main Street Triangle is between the village and Main Street Triangle, LLC. The board also approved an ordinance for general obligation bonds for the Main Street Triangle (TIF) Fund as well as an ordinance to issue general obligation bonds for the Main Street Triangle TIF Abatement. A TIF district uses revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies such as schools and libraries. A TIF district also offers incentives to developers.

**Other Highlights:** The board approved 143rd Street Metra Station change order list for \$88,766 for construction changes for the new 143rd Street Commuter Station in the Main Street Triangle. A planning and economic development request to allocate funds from the 2005-06 fiscal year budget referred to as the Old Orland Facade Improvement Program budget, in an amount not to exceed \$43,167 was approved for the partial cost for the Hansen development in order to complete restoration work on the original building at 14420 Second Avenue, which will become a contributing structure to the Historic District subject to meeting certain conditions. A 2007 facade year budget adjustment of \$42,548 was also approved.

## Tinley Park enters into GIS agreement

By Matt Mayer

Village officials approved a resolution at the Feb. 27, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for access to Geographic Information systems. This allows access to Cook County Assessor's Geographic Information System (GIS) the village has request access and licensing to use the GIS. The assessor's office agreed to make the GIS available, at no charge, through the Intergovernmental Agreement. The agreement is for a one year period and will be extended annually for one year unless either party notifies in writing of its intent not to renew the agreement.

GIS technology can be used for scientific investigations, resource management, and development planning. A GIS, for example, may allow emergency planners to easily calculate emergency response times in the event of a natural disaster, or a GIS may be used to locate wetlands that need protection from pollution. A GIS is a computer system capable of capturing, storing, analyzing, and displaying geographically referenced information; that is, data identified according to location. The power of a GIS comes from the ability to relate different information in a spatial context and to reach a conclusion. Most of the information about the world contains a location reference, placing that information at some point on the globe.

For example when rainfall information is collected, it is important to know where the rainfall is located. This is done by using a location reference system, such as longitude and latitude, and perhaps elevation. By comparing the rainfall information with other information, such as the location of marshes that are likely to dry up, helps make the most appropriate decisions about how humans should interact with the marsh. A GIS, therefore, can reveal important new information that leads to better decision-making.

Many computer databases that can be directly entered into a GIS are being produced by Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments, private companies, academia, and nonprofit organizations which allows different types of data in map form which can be entered into a GIS. A GIS can also convert existing digital information, which may not as yet be in map form, into forms that can be recognized and used. For example, digital satellite images can be analyzed to produce a map of digital information regarding land use and land cover. This information was derived from the US Department of the Interior, US Geological survey.

## Announce Slate Orland United Party To Host Fundraiser March 8 at Silver Lake Country Club

ORLAND PARK, IL - Three incumbents on the Village of Orland Park Board of

Trustees have formed the Orland United Party and are seeking re-election.

Bernard Murphy, Edward Schussler and Patricia Gira will host a fundraiser Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Silver Lake Country Club. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and may be purchased at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks will be served.

Murphy, Schussler and Gira have teamed together, offering more than 80 years of combined public service to the Orland Park community.

A 34 year resident of the village, Bernie Murphy has served on the Village Board since 1985. Ed Schussler served as a village trustee from 1989 until 1993 and returned to the board in 2002. Patricia Gira has served as a village trustee since 2003, with almost 20 years volunteer experience on the Plan Commission and the Recreation Advisory Board.

"We're very proud of the progress that the village has made during our years of service on the board," Murphy said. "People choose to live in Orland Park because of all that the community offers," he added, "Yet there is still work to be done."

Murphy has served as Mayor Pro-Tem since 1993. He is a director and member of the Orland Park Lions Club and is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. Murphy is a volunteer at St. Michael Catholic Church where he serves as an usher, extraordinary minister and serves on the church's Health Committee. He is a member of Chicago's Gaelic Park and the Mayo Association of Chicago. This United States Army veteran chairs the village's Recreation and Parks Committee.

"One of our top priorities is to continue to address the traffic concerns of the village. Orland Park is an attractive community; however, with the people comes the traffic. We continue to look for alternate sources of funding to expedite improving the major thoroughfares throughout the

village," Murphy said.

Ed Schussler and his family moved to Orland Park in 1972. Before being elected to the Village Board, Schussler served on the Orland School District 135 Board for twelve years. He is a twenty year member and past president and vice-president of the Orland Park Kiwanis Club. Schussler is a veteran of the United States Air Force, for which he served as a Missile Launch Officer.

"Bernie, Pat and I would like to return to the Village Board to address the two key issues facing the village --- traffic and flooding. The board has worked very hard to address both and we want to be able to complete the commitment that we've all made to the people of Orland Park," Schussler said, adding that both issues will remain a priority.

Patricia Gira and her husband Jim moved their family to Orland Park 30 years ago. She served as president of the Parents for Education group at High Point and Orland Junior High Schools and was a den leader for Cub Scout Pack 372. At Sandburg, Gira was president of the Athletic Booster Club and ran the group's craft fair for four years. She is currently president of the Orland Park Kiwanis Club, is serving her fourth year as a member of the Board of Directors for the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce and is the Village Board's liaison to the Arts Commission.

"Everyone in Orland Park should be very proud," Gira said. "We received national recognition with Money Magazine naming Orland Park the 45th most desirable small town in the nation, due in part because of the growing number of cultural opportunities in the Orland Park area," she added.

Specific accomplishments cited by all three incumbents include a number of road construction projects underway in the village.

"The Southwest Highway bridge over LaGrange Road is being rebuilt and Southwest Highway is being widened from

the bridge to 143rd Street," Murphy said.

"In a few weeks, work will begin on a \$13.5 million dollar project to widen and improve the intersection of 159th Street and LaGrange Road," Schussler added.

"And, as soon as the land acquisition is complete, the intersection of 143rd Street and LaGrange Road will be widened and improved," Gira explained.

The three further reported that Phase 2 engineering for the widening and drainage improvements on 104th Avenue, from 159th Street to 167th Street, is near completion. Schussler added, "We're hopeful that the county will bid this project this spring and begin construction in the summer."

Gira, who chairs the village's Finance Committee, noted the number of finance awards Orland Park has received.

"We have received the Certificate of Achievement For Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association for fourteen consecutive years," Gira continued, "The village is in excellent financial shape, which made it possible for the board to vote for the last five years to rebate the village's portion of the residents' property taxes," Gira explained.

As chairman of the village's Police and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Schussler noted the construction of the new police facility as one of his favorite board accomplishments.

"We were able to use an existing building and convert it to a 'green' building," Schussler said, referring to the former Consolidated Tile and Carpet Store at 151st Street and Ravinia Avenue.

"Orland Park's first 'green' building, with its LEED certification, creates a healthier workplace, conserves energy and protects the environment," Schussler explained.

Murphy added, "We're very proud of what the Village Board has accomplished and we're hoping for the opportunity to continue our service to the people of Orland Park."





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## **Something Old Something New**

Dear Brides to Be:

Some traditions of a wedding not to be forgotten are the lighting of the unity candle. This takes place before the bride and groom are married and give their vows. Together they use two candles to light a third which the bigger one becomes their own. This ritual represents the joining of two families in a love that burns as brightly as a flame.

Another beautiful one is the rose presentation whereas some brides and grooms will present a single rose a symbol of love to their mothers early in the ceremony as a gesture of love and respect as well as gratitude for all they have done.

I want your wedding to be perfect. A heart that loves bonds. Be happy the rest of your life together. Best Wishes, Carlene O'Connor

## **Speech team concludes landmark season**

Although they brought home no hardware from the state finals, the speech team – led this year by a new varsity head coach – from Richards High School nevertheless enjoyed noteworthy success during the 2006-2007 season. More Bulldogs advanced to the sectional tournament, one level below the state finals, this year than in the previous 20 years combined.

"This season was a great step forward for us," said coach Michael Badger, and English teacher who also serves as drama director at Richards. "We hope to keep building a winning attitude and improve upon the success the 2006-2007 season gave to us."

From the Illinois High School Association regional meet, Richards advanced eight competitors to the sectional tournament, including the Performance-in-the-Round cast. Among the eight, four advanced to the sectional final. Students must place in the top three in their categories at the sectional tournament to qualify for the state finals.

At the South Suburban Conference meet earlier this month, Richards placed second in their division and sixth overall out of 32 schools. Molly Ruthenberg led the Bulldogs with a conference title. Other competitors winning awards at conference included Lanita Warner (fourth); Carly Heiser, Kate Miller and Sarah Quintos (fifth); Matt Weibel and Becca Calvillo (seventh); and, Sarah Quintos (eighth).

At the IHSA regional, junior Lanita Warner won first place in Verse and placed second in Dramatic Interpretation. The Performance-in-the-Round cast tied for second.

The Bulldogs started their season by winning the 18-school "Ram Yam" tournament at Reavis High School in November. Students winning individual titles at the Reavis meet included Carly Heiser (Humorous Interpretation) and Matt Weibel (Original Comedy). Speech team followed its success at Reavis by placing eighth (Thornridge), seventh (Oak Lawn), third (Shepard) and ninth (Thornwood) at various tournaments that featured between 20 and 25 schools.

"This year, we knocked on the door. It is our team's hope that next year we will knock down the door that leads to state and walk through it. I am extremely proud of the team and coaching staff for their efforts this year," Badger said.

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## **THE (IRISH) JIG'S UP! CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST IRISH DANCE LESSON!!! THURSDAY, 3/15 @ NOON AT THE DALEY CENTER**

On Thursday, March 15 at Noon, dancers from Chicago's award-winning Trinity Academy of Irish Dance will perform indoors at the Daley Center (50 W. Washington St.) and get everyone in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by teaching attendees how to do an Irish jig.

Please join us for the World's Largest Irish Dance Lesson and be entertained by the explosive energy, colorful costumes and enormous talent of Trinity's young dancers as they'll have everyone on their toes and dancing along.

For more information, contact Ms. Chris Hester at (708) 268-9222 or chris@techtricity.com.

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## Little Company of Mary Education Center relocates news

Little Company of Mary Education Center relocated to its new home at the north end of the Westfield Chicago Ridge Mall outside of Sears. The hours remain the same: Mon-Fri 8am to 8pm, Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 12-4pm. For information call 708-423-4774. On Thursday, March 15 from 10-11am the free blood pressure and you, is held with the topic "Shake Away the Salt". Call to register.

A Diabetes Informative Session is Wed, March 7 from 9-10am with this month's topic "Steps for Healthy Living." Call to register. The stress managing series is on Tuesday, March 27 from 1-2pm. Call to register.

Preventing colon cancer is March 8 (Thurs) from 10-11am. All programs mentioned are free so call to register. They are at LCMEC Chicago Ridge.

## News from Mc Donald-Linn VFW Chicago Ridge Post 177

10537 S Ridgeland Ave. Chicago Ridge will be hosting a The Mc Donald-Linn VFW Post 177 Ladies Auxiliary. Bunco Party on Sunday, March 11 with doors opening at 12:00pm. Refreshments and raffles too and proceeds go to helping support the various veteran programs and community service projects.

Remember the St Pat-St Joe party on Saturday March 17 at the Post, from 6-9pm. Donation is \$15. Call 708-636-3220 for information.

There is a steak fry on Saturday, March 31 at the Post from 1-4pm. Donation is \$10 Call Pat or John at the above number for more information.

## The Citizens for the Active Party

The Citizens for the Active Party invite you to attend a reception to re-elect the Active Party Chicago Ridge Trustees Juanita Babcock, Dan Badon, Don Pratl. The reception will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Garden Chalet on Ridgeland in Worth, Illinois. Donations are \$25.00 each which includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For more information call 708-692-4576 Citizens for The Active Party.

## Worth amends water and sewer billing

By  
Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance at the Feb. 20, Worth Board of Trustees meeting which amends the water and wastewater services rates and charges. The amendment will not increase the amount of charges, however the bill will be mailed on a monthly basis rather than the current bi-monthly. This is being implemented in an effort to improve cash flow and also to make it easier for the residents to budget, especially seniors.

An ordinance amending the heating provisions of the village code's regarding minimum-housing standards was also approved. The revised ordinance shall now require every dwelling or rooming unit in which heat is furnished from a central heating plant to provide a minimum temperature of 70 degrees from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30p.m. and a minimum temperature of 65 degrees from 10:30 p.m. until 8:30a.m. These specific heating regulation changes only apply to dwellings units or rooming units located in a building, where the heat is controlled by the landlord or the building owner, and not by the resident. This ordinance is effective immediately.

The board also approved an ordinance which amending a chapter pertaining to the storage of firewood. The amending regulations shall now require firewood to be stored outdoors, within the boundaries of any side or rear yard of a structure. Firewood shall not allowed to be stored in front yard of any building. The firewood must be cut or split and stored in a neat stack, which needs to be secure so as the firewood does not pose a health and safety risks during heavy rains or strong winds. It must be stacked on a well-supported, non-rotting base or rack no less than eight inches above ground, unless a particular business is licensed to sell firewood to the general public. All firewood stored on a location must be used solely used by its occupants and not stored for purpose of resale. This ordinance is effective May 1.

## Downtown cleanliness scores big with Trash Hoops

Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.'s (IDI) Cleaning Advisory Committee is transforming Downtown trash receptacles into basketball hoops using decorative black and orange basketball vinyl wraps. The goal of this initiative is to encourage Downtown residents, employees and visitors to put trash in its place and raise public awareness of Downtown cleanliness. Trash Hoops, introduced during Big Ten Women's Basketball preparations, will be present through spring. There are 194 Trash Hoops throughout Downtown. They can be found on Monument Circle and its spokes and Meridian, Illinois, Ohio, Capitol Avenue, Alabama, Maryland, Georgia, Washington and Market streets. Please do your part to put litter in its place. In preparation for the basketball fans, Downtown is getting ready! Also watch for street pole banners and street signs to appear around Downtown.

## Moraine Valley Community College: 'A proud past. A brighter future'

Moraine Valley is observing its 40th anniversary this year with a variety of events and activities, highlighting the accomplishments and history of the school since the community voted February 18, 1967, to establish the college.

We are so pleased that we have been able to provide educational programs and services to our 26 communities for the past 40 years, and we look forward to continuing to serve our students with quality education and training, Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. Moraine Valley has had many achievements since its founding, and this gives us a great opportunity to reflect, celebrate and look forward to what the next decade may bring.

The nine-month observance began February 15 when the Board of Trustees approved a resolution stating that Moraine Valley Community College declare the occasion of its 40th anniversary a celebration of its proud past and brighter future.

The activities planned will be part of regularly scheduled events such as the students, Spring Fest in April and participation in the Blue Island and Robbins parades this summer. A community lecture is planned for the fall featuring a noted authority on 1960s. Additionally, there will be a photo display in the library and a Web page devoted to the past 40 years. The Moraine Valley Foundation's Starry, Starry Night in April will feature a 40th anniversary-1967 theme and will recognize community members who initiated the effort to establish the college.

We are proud of the relationship we have developed with our community and the support we have received over the years, Dr. Crawley said. This year gives us an opportunity to celebrate that relationship and see how we can deepen it.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or e-mail: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

## Saturday March 10th & Saturday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) Elvis Tribute Artist

BOB WEST will perform his Award winning show at **BARB'S GUESTHOUSE** 9848 Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn Illinois. Reservations are suggested. Showtime is 9:00 P.M. No Cover Charge. For more info and Reservations. Please Call 1.708.499.0510 Check Out Bob's website at - bobwestelvis.com



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## Sectionals Lemont, Illinois – February 23, 2007:

With a new coach, new uniforms, and a fresh new perspective, Mount Assisi's Dance Team is well on their way to achieving championship status. After several months of hard work and dedication, along with choreographing and practicing routines, the Dance Team is now heading to Sectional Competition on Saturday, March 3 at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park.

Dance Team Coach and English teacher Kristy Kane has confidently guided the girls through a challenging season. Kane said the team's overall scores have improved in comparison to years past, which is attributed to the positive attitude and strong work ethic of the participants.

"The team has worked very hard and I am proud of them," said Kane. "This is the best season Mount Assisi's had in terms of overall scores and competition placement."

Assistant Coach Michelle Schmidt serves as the team's Choreographer, creating and teaching complex dance moves that incorporate detailed and intricate use of poms. Practices take place three to four days a week, with dress rehearsals scheduled on the weekends.

Dance Team members include freshmen Kelly Flynn (Orland Park) and Chelsey O'Brien (Lockport); sophomores Jen Anderson (Orland Park), Geena Gomez dela Casa (Chicago), Victoria Gott (Chicago), Sam Hyzny (Chicago), Mary McLaughlin (Burr Ridge), Christina Palutis (Lemont) and Alyssa Signore (Chicago); juniors Katie Healy (Chicago), Christine Murphy (Chicago) and Kelsey Smolek (Palos Park); and senior Katie Dillenburg (Lemont). Murphy and Smolek are Co-Captains and junior Jessica Novak (Chicago) is the team Manager.

A member of the Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA), the Mount Assisi Dance Team has competed against several catholic and public high schools throughout the Chicago metropolitan area and north-west Indiana. Seasonal competitions occur on Saturday or Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7p.m.

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## Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 652/Cub Scout Pack 3652 are having their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser Saturday March 10, 2007, 3-8 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. Tickets cost \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and children under 4 eat free!

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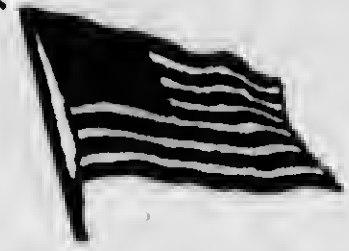
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## Oak Lawn reinstates hospital licenses

by Matt Mayer

The village board at the March 13 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting approved an ordinance amendment to the municipal code regarding business licenses. The amendment creates a new chapter to the municipal code pertaining to the reinstatement of hospital licensing by the village. The ordinance also clarifies registration requirements with respect to other health related businesses as well as an ordinance amending certain provisions of the municipal code regarding fence variations.

In other business: The board approved a park district request for the village to contribute \$8,000 in order to defray the cost of their 4th of July fireworks displays as well as an ordinance amending certain provisions of a chapter of the municipal code regarding fence variations. A Chamber of Commerce request to conduct a Shop Oak Lawn sidewalk sale at the south parking lot of the municipal building on June 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. as well as a request to host a pet parade June 16th commencing at 9 a.m. was also approved.

A request to waive the bidding process and award a contract to Midwest Air Pro, Inc for \$14,058 - which is the required 20-percent contribution in order to receive a federal grant for the installation of the Nederman Source Capture Exhaust System for the three fire houses was approved as well as a Public Works request to hire entry level maintenance employees (grade 14) for the water division. A request to hire one police patrol officer from the current eligibility list due to a retirement was also approved. The next meeting is April 9.

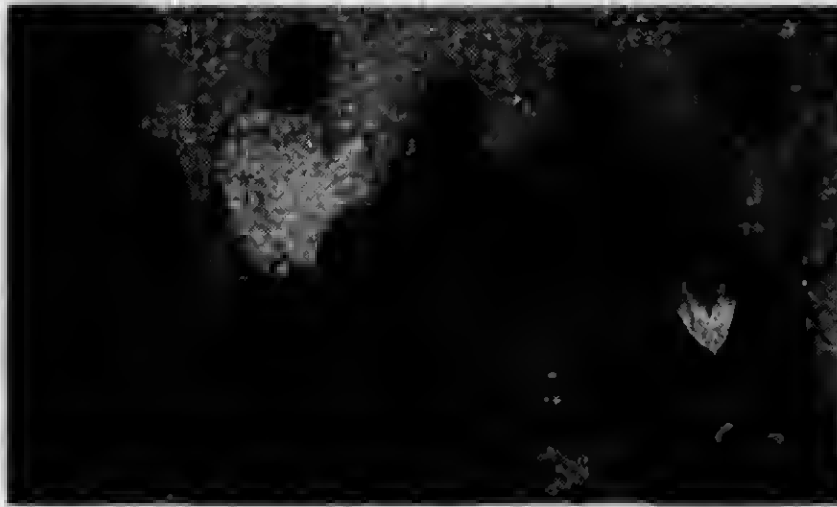
## April is Curious George Month

This April, the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will hold a month-long celebration of the fictional character Curious George for children ages 2-7.

Registration begins Sunday, April 1 for a Curious George reading club that runs April 2-30. Participants can improve their literacy skills by reading with their parents and win a prize by completing a series of activities and reading for just over 2½ hours. Sign up at the Youth Service Desk. Open to Oak Lawn residents and students only.

Curious George parties will be held Saturday, April 21 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. A costumed Curious George leads these identical events offering stories, crafts, activities and snacks. Pick up tickets in advance for one party at the Youth Services Desk starting Sunday, April 1. Limit 30 children per event.

Patrons of all ages can meet a costumed Curious George Saturday, April 21 from 3-4 p.m. in the Youth Services Department. Bring your camera and take photos.



The Committee Members shown in the photo are: Seated: Cindy Maynard, Cathy Cepican, Jean Werner and Debbie Plonis, Committee Chairperson. Standing: John Gonczy Edward Plonis, Sr., Debbie Janicke, Adam Woodworth, Executive Director of the Museum, and William Prusinski. Not shown: Steve Loulousis and Sunny Brinely

## Dinner dance for Oak Lawn Children's Museum held at the Oak Lawn Hilton

The Children's Museum In Oak Lawn announces that tickets are still available for the Third Annual Destination Imagination Gala dinner dance on March 30, 2007 at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Tickets are \$100 for a fabulous dinner and open bar. Music & dancing, auctions, raffles and a chance to enjoy an evening out with friends and neighbors. "Black Tie Optional".

The 2007 Soaring Spirit Honorees are Cathy Cepican, Museum Board President and Director of Christian Education at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Joan Geary, General Manager of the Oak Lawn Hilton, and Robert V. Smith "Smitty", retired Oak Lawn Police Chief.

You are encouraged to call the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn at 708-423-6709 for further information and reservations. Donations are still being accepted for the silent auction or for the live auction.

For more information about these and other children's activities, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Web Site Design for Teens

Registration begins March 26 for a free hands-on web site design class offered for teens in grades 6-10 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Thursday, April 26 at 6:30-8 p.m. Participants will learn how to create a simple web site using images, special fonts, tables and links. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Open to Oak Lawn residents and students only. Limit 10.

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## Evergreen Park approves Smoking Ban

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved a smoking ban at the March 5, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. The ordinance adds a section pertaining to smoking restrictions to the village municipal code, thereby prohibiting in the following sections: Bowling alleys before 6:00 p.m. except in designated smoking areas; in designated non-smoking areas at the American Legion Post; on any public sidewalk, parkway, street, alley or parking lot except while in a passenger vehicle; in any outdoor area of any property, other than that of a single family residence, except where the owner may designate an outdoor smoking area which shall be at least 50 feet from the entrance to any building on the property, and shall also be at least 50 feet from any public right-of-way; on any property in any area which the owner has designated as a nonsmoking area; on any residential property without permission of the owner or occupant. Smoking and non-smoking sections must be separated by 20-feet. Proper signage is also required; a \$35 citation will be issued for violators. Further information may be obtained by calling the village hall at 422-1551.

The ordinance negates the Cook County smoking ban ordinance, which county commissioners unanimously approved on March 15, 2006, effective March 15, 2007. If Municipalities which had not had their own smoking ordinance in place by March 15. They would have been governed by the county ordinance. The current senate statewide non-smoking bill is SB 0500. The chief sponsor of this bill was changed to Sen. Terry Link on March 2, 2007. The co-sponsor was also changed to Majority Whip Sen. John J. Cullerton-Sen. Iris Y. Martinez was also added as a co-sponsor.

The bill has not passed at the time of this writing. If one feels the need for a statewide smoking ban they then should write their legislators, otherwise the entire concept may just go up in smoke.

## Mom and daughter take part in book discussion

Girls in third through fifth grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of the children's novel "The Boys Start the War" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor at a Mother and Daughter Book Club meeting 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Register today and pick up copies of the book at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 15 mother/daughter pairs. Light refreshments.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).



## Governors Across U.S. Begin Signing Declaration of Energy Independence

Seven more Governors have signed West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin's Declaration of Energy Independence (copy of the Declaration provided below). The early signatories are:

Governor Joe Manchin - West Virginia

Governor Ernie Fletcher - Kentucky

Governor Sonny Perdue - Georgia

Governor Tim Kaine - Virginia

Governor Michael Easley - North Carolina

Governor Dave Freudenthal - Wyoming

Governor Martin O'Malley - Maryland

Governor Mike Beebe - Arkansas

Governor Ruth Ann Minner - Delaware

This brings the total of signing Governors to nine, a number that is certain to grow. Governor Ernie Fletcher of Kentucky was an original Declaration signer, along with Governor Manchin, on January 18, 2007.

Calling the cause "crucial to America's economic future and national security," Governor Manchin said: "This is one of the most important challenges our great nation has ever faced. We now rely on foreign sources for more than 60 percent of our petroleum needs. Many of these sources are highly unstable. The staggering sums of money flowing offshore to pay for oil imports is estimated to cost our country more than \$300 billion per year. American jobs, wages and opportunity are being lost needlessly. We have the natural resources, the technology, and the human resources to produce our own alternative liquid fuels without harming the environment. We must take decisive action now to free ourselves from dependence on imported oil."

Governor Manchin is urging the Governors of every state to join together to "provide the leadership and

strong national voice required to achieve American energy independence by signing the American Energy Security Declaration of Energy Independence."

"America is not prepared for the consequences that would occur in a potential loss of oil imports. We must take steps now to ensure that alternative fuels are available," said Governor Manchin.

The Declaration of Energy Independence supports the American Energy Security (AES) initiative, being led by the Southern States Energy Board ([www.SSEB.org](http://www.SSEB.org)), which Manchin chairs. It urges speedy adoption of the recommendations of the AES Study to create an aggressive, comprehensive domestic alternative liquid transportation fuels program using American resources, American technologies, and American innovation, backed by effective conservation measures. See

[www.AmericanEnergySecurity.org](http://www.AmericanEnergySecurity.org) for more information about the AES Study and the ongoing AES initiative.

A copy of the American Energy Security Declaration of Energy Independence is provided as an attachment to this press release, below.

### American Energy Security Summit

In addition to spearheading the Declaration of Energy Independence, Governor Manchin will host an "American Energy Security Summit" on April 16-18 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia, to rally support for the American Energy Security Initiative and the policies it recommends. See [www.AmericanEnergySecurity.org/Summit.html](http://www.AmericanEnergySecurity.org/Summit.html) for details.

## Military News



Air Force Airman Timothy J. Fox has graduated from basic military training

## Representative Lipinski Marks Great Lakes Day and Clean Environment Week

### Legislation to Protect and Restore Great Lakes Passed in House

WASHINGTON, DC - The week of March 9th Congressman Dan Lipinski celebrated Great Lakes Day and Clean Environment Week by helping move three key water quality bills through the House of Representatives and by holding a hearing to consider other policy proposals for protecting and restoring the Great Lakes.

Congressman Lipinski helped pass the three bills in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in February, and this week he helped pass them on the House floor. Congressman Lipinski is the only Chicago area representative to serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"Protecting and restoring the Great Lakes is critical for everyone, whether you want to swim, fish, boat, lie on the beach, or - most importantly - just have clean water to drink," said Lipinski. "This has always been a priority of mine and I am happy that we were able to take a step forward by getting these important clean water bills passed. Increased federal funding for water infrastructure is essential to the economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes, the Chicago region, and the nation."

On Wednesday, by a vote of 367 to 58, the House of Representatives approved The Water Quality Investment Act of 2007 (H.R. 569) to authorize appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) sewer overflow control grant program, despite opposition from the White House. This bill would aid cities and states in building and improving sewer infrastructure to prevent the dumping of sewage into lakes and rivers.

"It is incredible that some of our municipalities utilize sewer systems constructed as far back as when Abraham Lincoln was president. The system is deteriorating, and as a result, state and local authorities are often unable to stop sewage from flowing into neighboring rivers, beaches, basements, and lakes," said Lipinski. "Residents will always remember the summer of 2002 when Great Lakes' beaches were closed because of public health dangers, much of it due to the dumping of raw sewage into the lakes. Congress must clean up its act when it comes to clean water, and this legislation is a good start."

On Thursday, the House approved the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 (H.R. 700). This bill would authorize \$125 million under the Clean Water Act for EPA grants to fund projects that increase usable water supply by encouraging innovation in water reclamation, reuse, and conservation. Today, the House passed the third water quality bill, the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007 (H.R. 720). This bill would reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide \$20 billion over five years in loans for water-pollution-abatement projects that assist communities in meeting their water quality infrastructure goals.

Earlier this week, Congressman Lipinski hosted an ad hoc congressional hearing at the Shedd Aquarium highlighting the deteriorating condition of the Great Lakes. The representatives heard testimony from federal, local, and environmental experts regarding threats to the lakes' ecosystems and ongoing restoration efforts.

at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special train-

ing in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Mary Fox of Wisteria Court, Palos Park, Ill. Fox is a 2006 graduate of Stagg High School, Palos Hills, Ill.



## Porter to address Hickory Hills Womens Group

Dawn Porter, Associate Clerk, Suburban Bureau for the office of Dorothy Brown, Clerk of Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Hickory Hills Women's Club, Wednesday, March 28 at 8 pm, following a 7 pm dinner at Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W. 89th Place, Hickory Hills.

Diane Moore, coordinator, announced that Porter will explain the workings of the

Clerk's office and services available to Cook County residents.

## Military News

Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephen T. Vlaming has deployed to Southwest Asia in the Persian Gulf region to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom as a member of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

The servicemember is normally assigned to the 37th Civil Engineering Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Wing members provide support for the U.S. Central Command's Air Forces mission, assisting in the full spectrum of fueling and aerial refueling operations to U.S. and coalition aircraft engaged in the war on terrorism in the region. Flight crews fly thousands of combat refueling sorties delivering aircraft fuel in the millions of pounds.

The sergeant is a utilities systems craftsman with 11 years of military service. He is the son of Roger and

Marypat Vlaming of Mulberry Ave., Tinley Park, Ill. Vlaming is a 1995 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School, Tinley Park.

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## Chicago Genealogical meets

The Chicago Genealogical Society announces a presentation by Jeanne Laralere Bloom, a full time professional researcher, author and editor, whom specializes in Chicago/Cook County genealogical information. Her topic is 'Unpolished Gems: Irregular Indexes Cook County Illinois.' on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at 1:30pm.

Jeanne Laralere Bloom will provide valuable insight into non-property or "irregular" records for the Cook County Recorder's Office including ante-fire birth/death affidavits, surname changes, out-of-state wills and probates. This program is a must for genealogists interested in tapping uncommon resources.

The meeting is held at the Newberry Library. For more information see the web at [www.chgogs.org](http://www.chgogs.org).

## Worth Township holds spelling bee

The Worth Township Youth Commission 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenon Wisdom Memorial Spelling Bee will take place April 20, 2007 at the Worth Township Gym at 6:30pm. The event is open to all public, private and parochial schools within Worth Township.

Students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades (Junior Division) and students from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades (senior Division) can partake and must be sponsored by their school to compete in the township-wide spelling bee. Have your school call the Youth Services Department at Worth Township at 708-371-2900.

## Evergreen Park Sons of Italy maintains community spirit

The Order Sons of Italy, Evergreen Park Lodge 2200 was chartered 38 years ago. They have earned the respect of residents in Evergreen Park not only for their continued support of community contributions, but also for the many organizations they have extended a donation. Among the many organizations Evergreen Park Lodge participated in contributing to are American Cancer Society, Alzheimers, Catholic Charities in the funding of a dinner for the homeless and needy on a monthly basis. This dinner takes place

the 4th Monday of each month in Hazelcrest, IL. There are also many individual benefits and request they have contributed to such as Cooley Anemia, Giuseppina Memorial Fund, Ray Graham School, McGinn Memorial Fund.

Past President, Mike Martino with the help of individual contributions has arranged for every child in the Advocate Hope Children's Hospital to receive an Easter Basket Presented by the Easter Bunny. In addition parents of those children unfortunately hospitalized this year will receive a buffet Italian Dinner that day.

## Early registration begins for summer camp at Worth Township

Early registration begins April 2, 2007 and ends June 1, 2007 for the various summer camps for boys and girls. Late registration is June 4-June 8, 2007. There is an additional \$25 fee. Activities offered are as follows: Kiddie Kamp (T & Th) 10am to 2pm: fee \$140 Township resident, \$165 non-Township resident. Event runs June 25- Aug 2, 2007. This are for 3-5 year

old children.

Day Camp (Children 6-10) M-W-F 10am to 3pm. Fee \$150 Township, \$175 non-Township: no camps July 4. (June 25-Aug 3, 2007)

Tween Camp (11-15 year old) T-Th 10am-3pm: June 26-Aug 2, 2007: fee \$150 Township resident, \$175 non-resident. There is an additional \$5 fee for each field trip. Late fees apply to all camp registrations.. Parent's night is Wednesday, Aug 1, 2007 at 6:30pm.

## Baby-sitters Education Classes

The Oak Lawn Fire Department will once again conducts a free 6 week Baby-sitters Education class on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday April 17, 2007.

Classes will be held at Salem United Church, 9717 South Kostner and will include topics such as infant and adult CPR, the care and feeding of infants and children, as well as how to entertain the children and handle emergency situations while baby-sitting.

Participants should be 12 years of age and must register for this class. Registrations will be taken until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007.

Please call 499-7700 to register for the Babysitting Education Course.

## Box Lunch Day

On Thursday, March 29th seniors will meet for Box Lunch Day. The event was created to provide an affordable lunch and social time for seniors in Oak Lawn. A hot lunch, dessert, refreshments and bingo are provided with the help of a sponsor. For this day we thank Founders Bank.

The presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. and you must attend the presentation to receive a lunch. The cost to the senior is \$3.00 and tickets may be purchased at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 West 95th St. Seating is limited.

## Something Old and Something New

By Carlene O'Connor

Dear Bride to Be:

When shopping for tuxes be sure to go at least four months in advance. There are many styles to choose from and depending on the formality of your wedding and your individual style, you can choose the right tuxes from designer looks that you see in magazines or house brands and get a good deal.

Usually the grooms tuxes are free and there are tuxes for even the smallest and largest people in your party. They come in all sizes. They have shoes and other bridal accessories at some places. Don't forget to get a garter.

Bring a swatch of the bridesmaid dresses if you want colored shirts. They have those too. You can rent or buy tuxes and get shoes at the same place.

Your wedding is really special. Be happy the rest of your life. A heart that loves bonds. Best Wishes. Carlene O'Connor

## Trinity Lutheran Church hosts craft fair

Spring is in the air! Trinity Lutheran Church will host a "Spring Fling" small craft fair on Sunday, March 25 from 9:30 - 12:00 noon. The fair will include crafts that the church crafters have made for spring, including Easter, summer and garden items. There will be a few other crafters from the church who will sell their novelty crafts, jewelry and food items. Coffee and goodies

will be for sale along with a wonderful bake sale. Trinity Lutheran is located at 97<sup>th</sup> and Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero) in Oak Lawn. For more information, please call the church office at 708-422-0193.

## Renown Elvis perform is at Nikobees

Sunday, March 25, 2007 Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West will perform his award winning show at Nikobees 10301 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge, IL. Showtime is 7:00 P.M.

For more information, please call, 708.499.0202.



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Alumnae Kim Carlson Patton '82, Mary Carberry Black '79, Susan Bigane Bauschelt '79 and Linda Balchunas Jandacek '84 at Mother McAuley's Party with the Plaid. Seniors Katie Bukowski and Sheila Hurley painted a "Dr Seuss" themed bar stool for the Silent Auction. The 20 hand-painted stools were all designed by McAuley students, alumnae, faculty and staff.

## McAuley partied with the Plaid recently

At Mother McAuley High School's Party with the Plaid on Saturday, February 24, the mood was festive and spirited despite the sleeting rain that was hitting the Chicagoland area. Well over 500 alumnae, parents, friends and community gathered to sing and dance along with Howl at the Moon dueling pianos. Other evening events included mass, buffet, silent auction and raffles. Mass was celebrated by Father Michael Foley, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Evergreen Park. After mass, McAuley's The-

atre Seminar II students presented "Why We Tell the Story," which brings to life the story of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The Silent Auction featured baskets donated by located business along with 20 barstools hand painted by McAuley alumnae and students. The barstools ranged in theme from "Luck of the Irish" to "Sox Slugger" to "Dr. Suess." The Party with the Plaid committee would like to thank everyone for their support of Mother McAuley High School, especially

or want more information, please call us at 708-389-9423. This can be a great way for our to ear cash this summer, make a difference in a child's life and have fun!

Kinsella Landscaping for underwriting the Howl at the Moon performance and Chuck's Southern Comfort Café in Burbank for the delicious buffet. Other generous donors include Barraco's, Elizabeth Barry '92, Cindy Grahovec Wirtz '76 of Beverly Hills Florist, Tim Sterk at Bleeker's, Bourbon Street, Chi-Tung, Collegiate Plaids, Gilhooley's, Great American Bagel, Howl at the Moon, Brian Lec, Linda Balchunas Jandacek '84 of CCI Graphics, Inc, Macs Ltd., McAuley Fathers Club, Nickobee's, James Oberweis, Papa Joe's, Quigley's, and Rutledge Printing. The evening's Grand Raffle was a trip to Sunset Point in Eagle River, Wisconsin donated by own-

ers Kimbal & Jet Goluska. Sunset Point was a popular McAuley retreat center in the 50s, 60s, and early 70s. Winner Mariellen O'Donnell Kill '74 will enjoy a four day weekend stay in the recently renovated lakeside coachhouse. Captions: Alumnae Kim Carlson Patton '82, Mary Carberry Black '79, Susan Bigane Bauschelt '79 and Linda Balchunas Jandacek '84 at Mother McAuley's Party with the Plaid. Seniors Katie Bukowski and Sheila Hurley painted a "Dr Seuss" themed bar stool for the Silent Auction. The 20 hand-painted stools were all designed by McAuley students, alumnae, faculty and staff.

## Queen of Peace Excels in Singing Competition

Congratulations to members of the Queen of Peace choral department. At the Illinois High School Association's Solo and Ensemble Competition, held at Thornwood High School on March 3, Peace was awarded 50 gold medals for six ensemble performances.

Seniors Michelle Limon (7500 bl. of St. Louis Ave.) and Melissa Swiderski (6400 bl. of Narragansett) won gold medals for their solo performances.

Queen of Peace was also awarded the Best of the Day award in the category of treble ensemble. Participants included: seniors Francisca Aguerro (2200 bl. of 24th St.), Ashley Aponte (6500 bl. of Keating), Jennifer Baron (Justice), Tshnavia Holland (7300 bl. of Drexel), Krystina R. Johnson (8000 bl. of Yale), Michelle Limon (7500 bl. of St. Louis Ave.), Katherine Peplinski (10700 bl. of Albany), Lauren Poblador (5200 bl. of Natoma), Melissa Swiderski (6400 bl. of Narragansett), Annabella Vidal-Ruiz (8400 bl. of Komensky) juniors Kathleen Alvarado (2800 of Central Park Ave.), Brittany Aragones (Cicero), Samantha Bartkowiak (Burbank), Caitlin Cwik (6000 bl. of Mason), Micaela Gamboa (6400 bl. of Francisco), Catharina Kywe (3000 bl. of Princeton), Selenia Murillo (5900 bl. of Tripp), Ashley Tripplet (3400 bl. of 83rd Place) sophomores Sarah Orozco (7100 bl. of 63rd St.), Ariana Isaac (1300 bl. of 88th Place)

## Holistic moms hosting Feng Shui rooms

The Chicago Southwest Suburbs chapter of Holistic Moms is hosting guest speaker Dee Philliph who will be discussing Feng Shui for Children's Rooms. We will be meeting at the Homer Glen Town Hall at 16057 Cedar Road in Homer Glen on Tuesday March 20th at 7:00pm, Contact Karen at 708-860-7813 or email bethbustos@comcast.net.

## Acorn Library presents the following programs

The following programs will be present by Acorn Public Library in Oak Forest.

Don't Slow Me Down with That Cal-culator! Presented by Cliff Petrak Saturday, March 24, 2007, 2:00 PM

"Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House" Thursday, March 29th, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Acorn Library in Oak Forest is located at 15624 South Central Avenue. You can contact Barbara Wolfe, Reference Department by calling 708-687-3700 or emailing her at [www.acornlibrary.org](http://www.acornlibrary.org).

## Summer Employment available

South West Special Recreation Association, an agency that provides year round recreational programs for individuals with disabilities, is offering summer employment working at our Day Camp. The dates for camp are as follows: June 11th through July 27, 2007. If you are interested

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Jacki Mari

## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 20<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and TelaFriend\*\*\*\*

Happy Birthday Dan Ellis

Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: You find yourself being more "right" this week about many things like how to make more money.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is a week of surprises & wonderment for you. It all makes you happier & healthier.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: Read the above message & add this: someone tells you about a "help" for you. A aids.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: You soon find something that you thought was lost forever. Happy you! C/K involved.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You seem very content in goal setting. You just think it & it becomes your reality!

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Look around you. You see newness & beauty as you've not seen it before. F helps.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Give yourself more credit! You who had the dream & the oompa to make it come true.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Make your claim on those new ideas, they were & still are yours. Then share them.

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Psychic Mini-Sessions at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 pm. Appts best, walk-ins welcome.

I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only]. Available for Speaking Engagements.

#### Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers  
Genetically Challenged

Jack K. says "now there is another way out for someone who breaks the law, he or she can claim they are genetically challenged! What does your insight say about this?" Well, if it can be proven that people have no other choice but to commit a crime, they should be housed some place away from a society that would suffer at the hands of these genetically challenged persons & afforded mental helps needed. I just cannot fathom that someone should simply be set free because they had no other choice but to kill, rape, steal from or whatever their genetic disability forces them to do. I can see down the road a new law that will protect the victims against such a potential defense.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Burbank Park District news

Remember 'Stranger Danger.' Every child should know what to do when approached by a stranger. Join Mc Gruff and Officer Friendly from the Burbank Police Department who will provide children with an afternoon of informative fun. Registration required. The event is Thursday, March 22 from 4-5pm for all ages preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The event is free.

Chicago Bulls vs Denver Nuggets is on Thursday, March 22 at the United Center. Fee is \$39 for bus and ticket to the game. Seats are in section 304 rows 8-10. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The bus departs 6pm. Call BPD for reservations.

The Burbank Park District Center is 8050 South Newcastle, Burbank and the phone number is 708-599-2070.

## Chicago Children's Theatre announces new location

Chicago Children's Theatre announced a new location for the tent in which it will stage its high-energy, fun filled production of Go Dog Go! April 13-May 20, 2007. In a partnership with the Chicago Park District, Butler Field in Grant Park, located at Monroe Street and Lake Shore Drive will be transformed with a 700-seat circus tent for Chicago premiere of the much-loved children's story.

Go Dog Go! Is adapted from PD Eastman's classic children's book by Steven Dietz and Allison Gregory. It promises to thrill audiences with a chaotic carnival of music and physical comedy that celebrates simplicity of life. Dogs of all sizes, shapes and colors dance, sing, work, play, skate and climb through a magical world. Musical Director is Jonathan Maestro for Children Theatre. He teaches at Columbia College and Old Town of Folk Music.

Go Dog Go! Is enjoyed by everyone aged 4 and older. Tickets are \$15-38 and the Target Family Matinee Series offers a limited number of two for

one tickets on Sunday afternoons. Call 312-334-7777 or visit the web at [www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org)

## Moraine Valley appoints new police chief

Patrick O'Connor of Palos Heights has come full circle in his career as a law enforcement officer with his appointment March 15 as Moraine Valley Community College's new police chief—professionally and academically. O'Connor, public safety director and police chief for the village of Worth for the past six years, will begin his new duties in April.

"Chief O'Connor is an outstanding professional," said Andrew Duren, vice president for Administrative Services and College Facilities who oversees the police department. "He has more than 30 years of service as a police officer at all levels and is well known throughout the state for his work with law enforcement organizations."

He will lead a department of 41 officers and staff members, including 21 sworn officers at Moraine Valley.

O'Connor, who holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University, where he received the Criminal Justice Department's Academic Award of Excellence, earned Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees from Moraine Valley, where he worked as a campus safety and security officer while attending classes.

He has served as a police officer in Highland Park and

LaGrange in different capacities. "Chief O'Connor will bring a wealth of experience to his position here. His duties ranged from patrol officer to operations commander before assuming his responsibilities in Worth," Duren said. "He will contribute greatly to our administrative team."

O'Connor also has been a member of the college's adjunct faculty since 2002 teaching criminal justice courses.

He is a certified chief of police and serves in a variety of capacities with the Illinois Chiefs of Police, including fourth vice president of the Board of Officers and a member of the planning and funding committee. He also is president of the Cook County fifth district Chiefs of Police Association and vice president of the South Suburban Chiefs of Police Association. O'Connor has completed over 2,800 hours of professional training through institutions such as Northwestern Center for Public Safety-School of Staff and Command, U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI, and New Scotland Yard, London, England. For news inquiries, call Mark Horstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or [horstmeier@morainevalley.edu](mailto:horstmeier@morainevalley.edu).

## April 12 is National Licorice Day

by Annette Dixon

I received a colorful postcard of assorted licorice, photo by Australian All Sorts by Kookaburra and it reminded me of my recent trip in Australia.

Licorice dates back more than 3,000 years in China.

Remember to try Licorice International 803 Q Street Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508. All licorice lovers can celebrate by going online at [www.licoriceinternational.com](http://www.licoriceinternational.com). They ship nationwide.

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## Southside great hosts Singer's Showcase

Tom Cameron, marital arts instructor, master black belt has a unique baritone voice with a style that fit his masculinity. He gives a sampling at the Southside Singer's Showcase at Nickobee's on every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Tom's style of singing love songs is divine, he not only gives a little soul to each song, but the tonality comes from deep within his diaphragm as he belts out a natural smooth and mellow sound. Just hearing Tom is worth the admission charge of \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance by calling 708-974-3667.

Tom's approach to helping promising entertainers

on the Southside of Chicago and Suburbs is unlike the American Idol. Although all entertainers must meet the guidelines of Tom Cameron's professionalism, this reporter must admit in January there were some unbelievably talented individuals. One most memorable woman sang Nora Jones music and sounded so much better than Nora Jones. This reporter was astounded at the talent from the four women that sang that evening. It was a great night of entertainment.

When you attend the Wednesday evening of April 25th, be sure to ask for Tom Cameron's CD of love songs, you will be helping not only yourself with great listening pleasure but helping the talent from the Southside have a showcase. The place is Nickobee's 7:30 p.m. Date Wed. April 25th at 7:30 at 10301 Southwest Hwy, Chicago Ridge, 2nd floor.



## St. Gerald preschool celebrated with Cat in the Hat

"The famous Cat in the Hat character from the Dr. Seuss books visited St. Gerald preschool to celebrate the 50th birthday of Dr. Seuss' creation. Preschoolers were enchanted with the big cat and offered lots of hugs. Ms. Whisson, co-principal of St. Gerald read Seuss stories to the preschoolers to celebrate the day."

Greetings from Village View

## VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

Registered voters in suburban Cook County can vote early for the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election at the Village of Oak Lawn. Early Voting begins on March 26th and continues until April 12th weekdays from 8:30 a.m. and April 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Jane M. Quinlan  
Village Clerk

## 20th annual spring and craft show

For the last 20th years the Hilton Oak Lawn at 9333 South Cicero Avenue

in Oak Lawn, IL. has been hosting a Spring and Holiday Craft Show. On Sunday April 1, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Hilton will host a new and exciting show.

The Hilton Spring Showcase will feature individual rooms of Handmade Crafts, Spring Decor, Easter Gifts, Beauty and Fashion Accessories, Children's Items, Gourmet Foods, Toys, Some Accents, Unique Jewelry and Antiques and Collectibles.

Admission charge is \$2.00, children under 10 free.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. And a Buffet Luncheon of individually priced items will be served from 12 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Pool Atrium.

The Hilton Coffee Shop featuring Starbucks Coffee will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come out and take a walk through our fabulous Showcase of rooms, filled with fantastic items, to help you start your Spring and Easter shopping.

For additional information call 708-425-7800

## MARKS 141ST ANNIVERSARY WITH ASPCA DAY! Country's First Animal Welfare

Organization Kicks off Nationwide "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" NEW YORK- This April, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) will mark 141 years since its founding as the first animal welfare organization in the Western Hemisphere and as such, April is appropriately deemed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. To commemorate this milestone in the history of animal welfare, the ASPCA will celebrate "ASPCA Day" on April 10. A combination of civic and community events will see buildings and landmarks around the country "Go Orange for Animals" to mark the occasion, as well

as the "ASPCA Day Festival," which will take place in New York City's Union Square that evening. National icons that have already confirmed their participation include the Empire State Building, the Los Angeles Coliseum and the Sears Tower in Chicago. Additionally, animal lovers across the country will be able to vie for the title of the first annual "Community Leader of 2007"-a contest that celebrates community involvement in the ASPCA's 141-year old mission.

To find out more, please visit [www.asPCA.org/aspcaday](http://www.asPCA.org/aspcaday). On April 10, 1866, ASPCA founder Henry Bergh saw a carhorse being brutally beaten by his driver on the streets of New York City, and was compelled to establish what is now the oldest humane organization in the United States.

Today, the ASPCA continues to keep Henry Bergh's dream alive; as a national organization headquartered in New York City, it works with shelters and humane societies across the country to promote its mission of the prevention of cruelty to animals through education and outreach. In 2007, the ASPCA embarked upon ASPCA® Mission: OrangeT, which aims to use precisely these tools, in a focused, measurable manner, to create a country of humane communities, one community at a time

([www.asPCA.org/missionorange](http://www.asPCA.org/missionorange)).

The celebration of ASPCA Day will reinforce the ASPCA's 141-year-old mission and the vital work it undertakes in communities around the country to ensure that animals receive the compassion and respect they deserve. "We're proud to celebrate ASPCA Day and our 141st Anniversary with help from our supporters around the country," said ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres.

"While our critical work continues every day of the year, the commemoration of our founding gives us opportunity to reflect on not just how far we have to go towards fulfilling our vision of a country of humane communities, but also to celebrate just how far we have come."

## Hilton Oak Lawn Spring Showcase

Sunday, April 1, 2007  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Featuring

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## Easter Holy Week Service

During Holy Week, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 10400 Kostner, Oak Lawn, will be holding worship services at the following times: Maundy Thursday, April 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 8, Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after worship

Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Nursery Provided

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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By: Kathy Whirity

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### THE MERRY MONTH OF MARCH

All right all ready! The season of cold, snow and slush, that seemed to linger like a bad habit, seems to be behind us. I saw the first sign of Spring today and it brought a smile to my winter weary chapped lips. I looked out the front window to see our good neighbor, John, cleaning his van in the driveway. What a glorious sight to behold! He was wearing short shirt sleeves and I could hear his radio blaring. After being couped up against the cold and frigid temps it was truly music to my ears.

I am celebrating the fact that we can finally spot a sidewalk free of snow, and as temperatures rise, thankfully the gas bills will go down. Hopefully there will be no more replays of a winter wonderland gracing our surroundings, but you never know.

Everything is melting. The beauty of the white snow, that soon turned muddy and gray, has been pretty much washed away, much to our delight. *It's about time* is the thought on most of our minds.

Being tired of frost on the window panes and the nip in the air I took out my spring scented candles and lit them all around the house. The aroma that filled the air brought with it the memory of good times to come - of sun-filled days and long walks in the park.

With the sights and sounds of spring outside, spring was in full bloom inside.

As I put away the remaining candles with scents like Mulberry, First Snow, Cranberry Plum, and Bayberry, I had to laugh at myself. Always looking forward to what's ahead, I couldn't wait to welcome a new season.

Now, as is my nature, come late September, I will be looking for those same candles with the seasonal scent of fall. It seems to me that no matter what season we're in we look forward to the one around the corner. For me that means the aroma of spring and flowers while the cold winds blow, and the smell of apple pie and mistletoe when wearing tank tops while cursing the blistering heat. I guess you could say I'm always pushing forward.

This year we are pushing our clocks ahead a few weeks earlier than usual. We're told it will give us more daylight and save millions of dollars. There's nothing wrong with that. Right now we're all thinking - the more sun the better but I wonder if by, say, August we won't be longing for a little more sundown as our internal clocks long to be reset to change.

Valentine's Day hearts still decorate the playroom window that I look out from every day.

The shamrocks light up the front and side windows, in honor of St. Pat's Day, but I'm in no hurry to take down the smiley hearts that are a timeless symbol of love.

Why, it was just last week that the lighted snowflake silhouettes graced our windows and now they are back in the garage, safely tucked away till next year.

It is time for a change.

Blocks that spell out 'Welcome Spring' beckon from atop my kitchen cabinet. As I get older I'm not quite as picky as I use to be about having my seasonal decor in perfect order.

At the moment shamrocks, Easter bunnies, a few snowmen stragglers and a window full of hearts live in harmony at my house.

By the time summer is in full swing I may have it all together. But, if not, it doesn't matter.

Today I'm enjoying the beautiful rays of warm sunshine. Spring cleaning is ahead of me and the chore of getting organized is something I don't want to think about.

Today the warm weather is a sign of things to come. Spring is right around the corner - it's beauty is just waiting to blossom.

The candle scent of lily of the valley wafts through the air as I celebrate another season of rebirth. For now I'll linger in the moment, savoring the sunshine while humming along to the tunes of my neighbor's radio. Happy Spring!! May you be wrapped in the glow of new beginnings.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~** No matter how long the winter, Spring is sure to follow. (Proverb.)

Spring and Holiday Craft Show hosted at OL Hilton On April 1, 2007 from 9am to 4pm the Hilton will host a new and exciting show. It features handmade crafts, spring décor, Easter gifts, beauty and fashion accessories, children's items, gourmet foods, home accents, unique jewelry, collectibles and antiques.

Admission is \$2 with children under 10 free. Come out and take a walk through the rooms filled with seasonal items and start your Spring shopping! Whitney's Restaurant offers a breakfast buffet from 8am to 1:45pm and a buffet luncheon of individually priced items will be served from noon until 3:00 p.m.

## Saint Xavier University's School of Education Scholarship Awards

Ten local women receive scholarships

**Chicago (March 14, 2007)** - Ten local women have been awarded scholarships by Saint Xavier University's School of Education.

Beverly Gulley, dean of Saint Xavier University's School of Education, recently announced the winners of the 2007 Binder, Davis, Gallagher, Leake and Malin Scholarships. These five scholarships were funded by donors who wanted to recognize the qualities exemplified by the people for whom the scholarships are named: Dr. Dorothy Binder, Dorothy Davis, Elaine Gallagher, Dr. Lloyd Leake, and Julius and Catherine Malin.

"I am very impressed with the caliber of the students who apply for our scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we can assist students who embody the themes of our School of Education conceptual framework - scholars, leaders, lifelong learners and reflective professionals. We hope to expand



Pictured Left to right Gail Hinds, General Manager & Dennis Canalini, Board Member South-Southwest Suburban United Way

## Costco opens in Orland Park

The Washington based international chain of membership warehouses opened in Orland Park IL at 9915 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street. Costco's warehouses present one of the largest and most exclusive product category selections to be found under a single roof. "We're happy to be a community partner, Costco is more than just a retailer, Costco believes in building relationships and giving back to the community" said Gail Hinds, General Manager (pictured). "The \$9,100 gift will be used to fund critical health & human service needs for South & Southwest Suburban residents," said Lisa Bly, Chief Professional Officer of South-Southwest Suburban United Way.

Thank you Costco-Orland Park Employees and Campaign Coordinators, Gail Hinds, Karen Youngsma, and Barbara Swanson for investing in the community where resources are needed most.

Pictured Left to right Gail Hinds, General Manager & Dennis Canalini, Board Member South-Southwest Suburban United Way

the scholarship program to benefit even more students in the future," Gulley said.

Jennifer Anderson, of Hazel Crest, was awarded the Dr. Dorothy Binder Endowed Graduate Scholarship, which provides tuition for one course at Saint Xavier University. Anderson, a graduate student in the counseling program, was recognized by the scholarship committee for her commitment to excellence, hospitality, compassion and service to others.

Ghada Ali and Jennifer Volpe were recognized as Binder Scholars for the 2007 award. Ali, of Palos Hills, is a graduate student in the secondary education mathematics program and was recognized for her service and willingness to share experiences of multiculturalism. Volpe, of Monee, is a graduate student in the reading program and was described by the scholarship committee as exhibiting integrity, compassion and hospitality.

Shorewood resident Sara Koncel was awarded the Dorothy Ritter Davis Scholarship, a \$6,600 tuition grant funded by the estate of alumna Dorothy Davis. Koncel is an early childhood education major and active in the University Concert Band and Flute Choir. Her work in a preschool demonstrates her appreciation for diversity and the uniqueness of every child.

Reem Sayes, a resident of Oak Lawn, was awarded the Elaine Gallagher Scholarship, a \$2,700 tuition grant funded by the estate of alumna Elaine Gallagher and donations made in her memory. Sayes is a secondary education and biology major and volunteers in the community packaging and distributing food and school bags to needy families. The scholarship committee recognized her enthusiasm for teaching science, love of learning and demonstration of service.

Tiffany Durham, of Chicago's West Pullman neighborhood, was awarded the Dr. Lloyd Leake Scholarship, a

\$4,000 tuition grant funded by the family and friends of the late Dr. Leake for an African-American undergraduate student. This is the second year that Durham, an elementary education major, has received the Leake Scholarship. She volunteers in her community, including establishing a youth book club in her church community and working on breast cancer and adopt-a-child fundraising activities. The scholarship committee recognized her commitment to excellence, hospitality, determination and compassion.

Jamea Elzy and Rachelle M. Ashford were recognized as Leake Scholars. Elzy, of Hazel Crest, a secondary education and English major, developed an informal after-school tutoring program. Ashford, of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, an elementary education major, was described as enthusiastic, energetic and compassionate.

Kelly Briscoe, of Chicago's Mount Greenwood neighborhood, was awarded the Julius and Catherine Heerey Malin Scholarship, a \$2,600 tuition grant funded by the estate of Helen Heerey. A graduate student in the counseling program, Briscoe works as a high school teacher, counselor and mentor to freshman students, and as a graduate assistant in the SXU STAR Learning

Academy and School of Education office. Her volunteer service to the Avon Foundation for breast cancer research, Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminars exemplify the qualities of excellence, service and integrity.

Joy Martin, of Midlothian, was recognized as a Malin Scholar. Martin, a student in the individualized graduate education program, was described as exhibiting a high standard of character and integrity.

Students are encouraged to submit entries for next year's scholarships. Applications will be available in October 2007. For more information about Saint Xavier's School of Education or the scholarships, please call (773) 298-3177 or visit the School of Education Web site at [www.sxu.edu/soe/](http://www.sxu.edu/soe/).

Congratulations from  
Village View



## Mark your Calendars!

The Moraine Valley Community College 2007 Employment and Adult College Fair is designed to explore employment, internship and educational opportunities.

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Time: Employment Fair 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Adult College Fair 4-7 p.m.

Location: Moraine Valley Community College, Gymnasium

This fair is open to all students, graduates and community members.

Network with a variety of employers from allied health, accounting, IT/computer support, administrative, customer service, distribution, firefighters/paramedics, food service, landscaping, law enforcement, management, marketing, pharmacist, shipping/receiving, social work, transportation, and many more.

Hiring Employers...

Employer registration for the MVCC 2007 Employment and Adult College Fair closes on Friday, March 16, 2007.

This fair is open to ALL MAJORS and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Please visit our website at <http://www.morainevalley.edu/jpc/fair/fair.htm> for more information and to register online!

Or print out the attached registration form and fax it back to Colleen Soto at the Job Placement Center at 708-974-1373.

## Evergreen Healthcare Center holds fair

The Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 South Kedzie, Evergreen Park holds a Food and Nutrition Fair 2007 on Thursday, March 22, 2007 from 6:30-7pm.

Topics include: how does diet affect the progression of disease, can you slow the aging process, learn important strategies to maintain a healthy weight, exercise for good health and foods and the aging process. Speaker is Internist, Dr. Eno A Nsima-Obet. Q and A session will follow. There is a cooking demo also

## Oak Lawn Library service awards

The OLPL recently recognized fifteen employees for their years of service in five-year increments. Long term service awards for 30 years were given to Nancy Rendek of the Reference Service Dept (RSD), and Carol Amdt Patron Services Department (PSD), for 20 years. 15 year awards were received by Anne Curran (PSD), Mary Dunneback (RSD), Al Fournier, Building Services, Janet Goetz, Technical Services, Linda Olsen, Administration and Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals Department.

Ten-year anniversary awards are received by Peggy Butcher, Administration, Cindy Kelly Periodicals librarian, Jennifer Lechert (RSD), and Harriett O'Malley (PSD). Staff recognized for five years are Dawn Koegel (PSD), Sarah Schroeder Youth Service and Thomas Kochinski Youth Service.

## MRJBF benefit for Children's Memorial

The Medical Research Junior Board Foundation (MRJBF) is hosting a spectacular evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and a showcase of work by more than 10 local artists. Art and other unique items will be for sale and raffled off throughout the evening. The benefit is Thursday, April 12 from 6-10pm at Reserve, 858 W Lake Street.

100% event and raffle tickets and 35% art sale proceeds sales will go for pediatric research activities at Children's Memorial Hospital. To purchase event and/or raffle tickets in advance visit the web at [www.childrensmemorial.org/abc](http://www.childrensmemorial.org/abc) or call 773-880-3298. If purchased in advance tickets are \$40. Tickets at the door are \$50. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$25 or \$10 each.

MRJBF is an affiliate board of Children's Memorial Hospital (CMH) and helps raise funds through special events to benefit pediatric research conducted at CMH

## Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy is ready to go

Classes close quickly, so make a decision about you and your dog. Are you willing to share the gift you have been given with those who need it the most? The more one gives the more comes back. Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) will be offering a training class in Evergreen Park on March 20, 2007. Classes are also beginning after that date. Call Donna King for details 773-736-9021 or [Rainbow3719@Juno.com](mailto:Rainbow3719@Juno.com).

The Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy dogs and handlers will be at the St. Xavier Health Fair, on March 28 at the Shannon Center from 9am to 1pm. It is located 3700 W 103rd St. Chicago.

After training the dog and handler work with another team who visits schools, park districts, residential or mental health facilities or hospitals. You become an integral part of the healing process. Sessions between the dog and

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## Innovative Children's Art Program Comes to Hobby Lobby in Bridgeview

New Service Offers Creative Tools for Kids, Seniors March 17, 2007, Bridgeview, Illinois -

Both the young and old in Bridgeview now have a fun new way to experience creativity - and learn about themselves. KidzArt(r), a unique arts enrichment program for children and seniors, has opened its newest branch in Bridgeview. KidzArt(r) offers a unique curriculum for kids, from preschoolers to teenagers, and senior citizens too.

Classes are kept small, usually around 12 to 15 enrollees, to maximize the amount of attention paid to each student. The program teaches how to express and gain greater self-confidence through drawing. Absolutely no prior arts training experience is necessary to participate. "I'm thrilled to be able to bring this unique arts enrichment program to the Bridgeview community," says Mary Grant, owner of the new KidzArt in Hickory Hills. "I look forward to getting involved with the schools, churches and senior centers and introducing the fun, interactive art exercises and activities that KidzArt offers." "Although KidzArt programs are based in drawing, we provide a fine arts experience that builds creative thinkers and problem solvers," says Chris Cruikshank, president of KidzArt. "KidzArt allows our students to explore, express and be motivated by their artwork in a noncompetitive environment, which promotes brainstorming and self-expression. KidzArt is a portable program that operates on-site at convenient locations. Programs for children are offered after school as well as during the school day. Classes are forming now. To enroll or learn more, contact Mary Grant at (708) 233-6923 or [info@kidzarthills.com](mailto:info@kidzarthills.com). Enrollment forms also available in Hobby Lobby store. About KidzArt Founded in 1993,

KidzArt is designed to let kids and seniors of all ages explore their inner artistic potential in a safe, structured, noncompetitive environment. KidzArt was recently ranked the Top Children's Art Franchise in Entrepreneur magazine's Franchise 500 for 2006, and made their Best of the Best list. In addition, KidzArt was recently named among the Fast 55 by Franchise Times magazine for 2006. Franchising since July 2002, KidzArt has franchised units nationwide and growing. To find out more about the KidzArt franchise in your area, contact Shell Herman at 800-379-8302 or visit them on the Web at <http://www.kidzart.com>

## Military News

Air Force Airman Michael S. Connolly has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Mary Pat Connolly of W. 107th St., Chicago, Ill.

## Find Nemo author speaks at McAuley

"Finding Nemo" writer, Dave Reynolds, found his audience of Mother McAuley English students very interested in what he had to say. The students were given a peak into the world of a Hollywood screenwriter. Mr. Reynolds was nominated for Best Original Screenplay in 2004 for "Finding Nemo". He wrote Disney's "The Emperor's New Groove" and has worked on many animated movies including, "Toy Story 2", "Mulan", "Jungle Book". His resume also includes television staff

writer for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien". He described his writing process and all that goes into producing an animated movie over what is typically a four year period.

Of course the students had many questions about the Academy Awards and what it's like to work with Conan. But Mr. Reynolds answered questions about everything from how he gets his ideas to how he deals with writer's block. He encouraged the students to go after their dream writing jobs citing several female writers he had the opportunity to work with. "If you're a talented writer, it won't matter that you're a woman" he said.

Mr. Reynolds was invited to speak to the English classes by his niece, senior Julia Carey and was joined by Trish Carey '05 for his visit to McAuley.

## Northlight and Writers Theatre productions

The Northlight Theater presents an adaptation of Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" with live music March 21-April 29, 2007 at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts. William Brown directs the production. Tickets range from \$34-56 and performances are Tues, Wed, Thurs at 7:30pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 3 and 8pm, and Sun 2:30 and 7pm. Box office number is 847-673-6300.

Writers Theatre in Glencoe (664 Vernon Ave) currently is holding "The Puppetmaster of Lodz" by Gilles Segal through July 8, 2007. Tickets are \$37058. Call 847-242-6000. Show times are Tues 7:30pm, Wed-Fri 8pm, Sat 4 and 8pm and sun 2:30 and 6pm. There are some matinees.

During the week of April 10-15, a post-show discussion will be held with the actors and Holocaust survivors to honor Holocaust Remembrance day, April 15.

Ads help bring Village View paper to you! Call for your Easter Ads at 708-423-9754

## Steppenwolf announces 2007-08 season

Steppenwolf recently announced the productions for the 2007-2008-subscription season. They are as follows: The Crucible (Arthur Miller) September 13-November 11, 2007, Good Boys and True (Robert Aqione-Sacasa) December 6, 2007- February 10, 2008: Carter's Way (Eric Simonson) February 28-April 27, 2008: Dead Man's Cell Phone (Sarah Ruhl) March 27-July 27, 2008 and Superior Donuts (Tracy Lets) June 19-August 17, 2008. Eric Simonson and Tracy Lets) are ensemble members of Steppenwolf.

Subscriptions start at \$185. Visit the web [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org) or contact Audience Services at 1650 N Halsted, 312-335-1650.

## Love is in the Air

American Ballet Theatre is presenting Sir Kenneth Mac Millan, choreographer, masterful interpretation of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' In six performances, March 21-25, 2007 at the Civic Opera House, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago. This is one of ABT's signature productions with scenery and costumes by Nicholas Gorgiadis and lighting by Thomas Skelton.

A 65-piece orchestra performing the classic Prokofiev score will accompany the theatre's 85+-member company. Call 312-902-1500 for tickets.

## Open Casting Call for Singers

In the Chicago, Broadway, Los Angeles and National Touring Companies of the Record-Breaking Musical Phenomenon "WICKED"

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007 1:00 -5:00 pm (Sign in begins at 12:30 pm - Sign in no later than 4:00 pm) at Lou Conte Dance Studio 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago Looking for: Males and females, 18 - 40's who are fantastic singers with a wide vocal range for principal and ensemble roles in all of the U.S. productions of WICKED

What to prepare: - Prepare 16 bars of a contemporary musical theater song. Must bring sheet music and a photo/resume stapled together. A piano accompanist will be provided. [www.wickedthemusical.com](http://www.wickedthemusical.com)



## Chicago Sinfonietta to Conclude 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with Chicago Rockers Poi Dog Pondering

Featuring World Premiere of *Carmen Remixed Concert to debut special visual effects created by Poi Dog founder Frank Orrall*

June 4 & 10, 2007

Concluding its 2006-07 season, the Chicago Sinfonietta will perform selections from the ever popular opera, *Carmen* by Georges Bizet, in its original form. The Sinfonietta will then reunite with Chicago alternative rockers Poi Dog Pondering (PdP) for *Carmen Remixed*, a reinterpretation of the traditional score including never-before-seen video created by PdP founder Frank Orrall. PdP performed Remix on Themes from Dvorak's New World Symphony with special visual effects to a sold-out house at Orchestra Hall during its 2004-2005 season. This concert is sponsored by Chase and WXRT.

Title: In its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season finale, the Chicago Sinfonietta will perform George Bizet's *Carmen*. They will then be joined by Poi Dog Pondering for a rock reprise, *Carmen Remixed*.

Dates: Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan, Chicago

Sunday, June 10, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., Lund Auditorium at the Dominican University, 7900 W. Division, River Forest

Tickets: Prices range from \$25 - \$38 for concerts at Lund Auditorium at Dominican University and \$25 - \$90 for concerts at Orchestra Hall, with special pricing for children and students.

Box Office: Call 312-236-3681 ext. 2 or visit [www.chicagosinfonietta.org](http://www.chicagosinfonietta.org)

## Chicago Shakespeare premieres Marionette Macbeth

In an international collaboration CST and Italy's Compagnia Marionettistica Carlo Colla e Figli together present the world premiere Marionette Macbeth in a limited engagement at CST at Navy Pier until March 25th. This concludes CST's 2006-07 World's Stage Series.

The tragic tale well known will have over 100 three-foot-tall marionettes designed by master craftsmen. Eugenio Monti Colla directs puppetry and Chicago's Kate Buckley, whose artistic relationship with CST spans over 20 years, directs the work. Following the Chicago run, the production moves to New York City's New Victory Theatre in April.

Carlo Colla e Figli, along with the La Scalla Opera House and the Piccolo Theater are the three great cultural institutions of Milan. For over 300 years the Colla family has delighted audiences with their artful productions, bring to life operatic and literary texts through the gestures and actions in lifelike marionettes.

They have performed to international critical acclaim. Marionettes made their first appearance as a theatrical device in mid 15<sup>th</sup> century in Medieval Churches where they staged the Passion play.

Fabio Vacchi whose operas were sung at La Scalla composes the original score. Tickets are \$35-\$45 for adults and \$5 less for students 21 and younger. Performances are Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Fri at 7:30pm and Wed at 1pm and Sat at 3 and 7:30pm and Sun at 3pm. Call the box office at 312-595-5600 for reservations.

## Community Choir holds spring concert

The Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir holds its spring concert on Sunday, March 25 at St John Fisher Church at 4pm. The theme is 'God Is!', with Helen Breems the Music Director.

The Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year. Singers are from all walks of life and churches in the Beverly Morgan Park Community and the surrounding southwestern suburbs.



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the animal welfare field and joined the ASPCA in 1999, is an acknowledged expert on animal welfare-related legislation. She frequently presents at conferences, seminars and meetings about topics such as canine profiling and dangerous dog laws.

**WHEN:** Ms. VanKavage will be a guest speaker during the Illinois Department of Corrections parole agent training, which will be held at the City of Chicago Police Headquarters on Thursday, March 22 from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST).  
Ms. VanKavage's presentations will take place as follows:

Possession of Certain Dogs by Felons: at 8:10 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. (CST);  
Law Enforcement and Dogs: at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (CST);  
Officer Safety—How to Read a Dog Like a Book: at 9:50 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. (CST).

**WHERE:** The training will be held at the City of Chicago Police Headquarters, which is located at 3510 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Arrangements can also be made to speak or meet with Ms. VanKavage outside of the March 22 meeting for those interested in doing so.

**HOW:** To arrange an interview with Ms. VanKavage, please call Alison Zaccane at (212) 876-7700 x 4568 or (347) 578-2242.

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**WHO:** Ledy VanKavage, Senior Director of Legal Training and Legislation for the ASPCA, will be in Chicago, Ill., this week, speaking about several important topics relating to canines and law enforcement. Media interested in learning more about the subject from an acknowledged expert in the field are

invited to set up in-person or telephone interviews with her.

**WHAT:** Ms. VanKavage will be presenting at the parole agent training for the Illinois Department of Corrections, where she will discuss the possession of certain dogs by felons, as well as dog laws and community policing for animal cruelty. In addition, she will discuss officer safety when dealing with dogs while on the job. The training for the parole agents is cosponsored by the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Chicago Police Department.

Ms. VanKavage, who has worked extensively in

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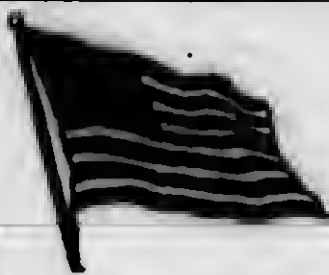


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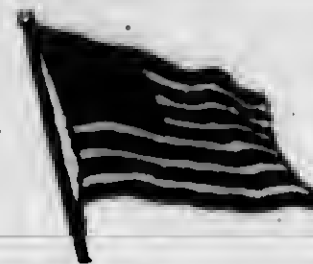
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# VILLAGE VIEW

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March 20, 2007

## Tinley Park concurred with Long Range Plan Commission

by Matt Mayer

The village board concurred with the Long Range Plan Commission (LRPC) meeting at the March 20, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting regarding rezoning, variations and a special use for the property located on the southeast corner of 167th Street and Harlem Avenue for a CVS Pharmacy and retail center. The petitioner is requesting rezoning from R-2 (signal family residential) zoning district and R-5 (low density residential) zoning district to B-3 (General Business and Commercial) zoning district; a special use for a planned unit development and variations including a reduction in the minimum lot size for a planned development, sign surface area and an electric message center.

The proposed development would include a 12,900 square ft CVS Pharmacy with a drive through and 9,970 square ft retail building with a drive through facility, as well as accessory parking areas and on site storm sewer detention. Also a fence height variance to erect an 8-foot rather than a 6-foot fence along the rear of the property from 167th to 168th Streets was requested by adjacent owners for the intension of providing separation between the commercial and residential area to the east. Per the direction of the village board at the time of concept approval, a detention area would also be developed in the rear of the property.

The LRPC recommended approval with the following stipulations: the electronic message centers shall be lo-

cated on the monument sign as proposed, and shall not be constructed upon or mounted to any other type of building or structure; the electric message sign shall conform to all regulations applicable to monument signs as regulated by the zoning district of the property; the electric message center portion shall comprise no more than 20-percent of the total sign elevation area; the message center shall not display any type of animation, such as flashing texts; the illumination shall not create a visible nuisance to surrounding residential properties; a minimum of 25-percent of displayed messages shall be public service announcements with no other types on temporary signage, such as for sale or rent. The village attorney was authorized to prepare an ordinance granting the rezoning, variations, and a special use.

## Orland Park approves police emergency preparedness

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved the purchase of computer equipment and waived the bidding process at the March 5 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting for the new police department on 151st and Ravinia Drive, the former Consolidated Tile site. The computer equipment is as follows: 15 Gateway E-4610D Desktop computers for \$1,229/ea; 5 Gateway E-4610SFF desk tops for \$969/ea; 20 Microsoft office software licensing for \$253/ea; for a total amount not to exceed \$28,340. The contracts were awarded to

Gateway, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$23,280 and ASAP Software in an amount not to exceed \$5,060.

A request to waive the bidding process and award a contract to Chicago Drapery and Carpet, LTD for the purchase of a MechoShade system in an amount not to exceed \$55,399 along with a contingency of 10-percent for a total amount not to exceed \$60,939 was approved as well as the purchase of additional computer software licenses in an amount not to exceed \$6,546. A request was approved to purchase Panasonic Arbitrator in-car video system which includes 18 vehicles units, transfer hardware, software, training, extended warranties and software support through the state joint purchasing contract from CDS Office Technologies of Addison at a price not to exceed \$154,405; and a Dell server from Dell Inc at a cost not to exceed \$7,199 as well as the purchase of operating software from ASAP Software of Buffalo Grove at a cost not to exceed \$633.29 for a total cost not to exceed \$162,237.29 was approved.

The board also approved the purchase of eleven police vehicles, ten 2007 Chevrolet Impala interceptors at a cost of \$17,519.84 per unit, and one 2007 Ford Crown Victoria for \$20,055 for a total cost not to exceed \$195,253.40. A request to purchase three Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD SUV's from Miles Chevrolet in Decatur, through the state joint purchasing contract at \$2,843.80 per unit for a cost not to exceed \$98,531.40 was also approved.

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## Oak Forest repeals smoking ban

by Matt Mayer

The city council at the March 13 Oak Forest City Council meeting approved an ordinance repealing the smoking ban in the city. This ordinance essentially negates the Cook County smoking ban ordinance, which county commissioners unanimously approved on March 15, 2006, effective March 15, 2007.

If municipalities had not passed their own smoking ban prior to March 15, they would have been governed by the county ordinance. Under the county ban, smoking in all public buildings, including bars, restaurants, workplaces, and sports venues is prohibited as well as within fifteen feet of an entranceway to an enclosed area. Nursing homes however would be exempt.

The current senate sponsored bill for a statewide smoking ban in the 95th General Assembly is SB0500. The chief sponsor of this bill was changed to Sen. Terry Link on March 2, 2007. The co-sponsor was also changed to Majority Whip Sen. John J. Cullerton-Sen. Iris Y. Martinez was also added as a cosponsor. The bill has not yet passed at the time of this writing. If one feels the need for a statewide smoking ban, write you're legislators. Otherwise the entire concept shall go up in smoke.

## Moraine Valley moves forward on southwest site for education center

Moraine Valley Community College has approved a contract to purchase a 12.6-acre site in Tinley Park, so it can provide full services conveniently to residents in the fastest-growing area of the college district.

"This property at 179th Street and 94th Avenue is ideal for us and offers great flexibility to our community members who live in the southwest sector of our district," said Sandra S. Wagner, chair of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees.

"The site will allow us to build now and expand in the future," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president. "It is just east of LaGrange Road, north of Interstate 80 and west of Harlem Avenue, and convenient for our students who reside in the southwest area of our district who would otherwise have a difficult time getting to our main campus in Palos Hills." Additionally, Dr. Crawley said, the center would be able to provide educational programming to area health care facilities.

The center will offer college credit and noncredit courses during the day, evening and Saturdays similar to the college's education center at Blue Island. The off-campus center is one of the projects in the \$89 million bond referendum voters approved March 21, 2006.

"We look forward to working cooperatively with Tinley Park officials. This is a win-win situation for the college and the village," Dr. Crawley said.

"We will be able to serve the fastest-growing area of our district conveniently," said Nancy Curé, dean of Enrichment

Services who oversees off-campus sites. According to the last census for the southwest region of the district, the population grew 36 percent from 1990 through 2000. Projections indicate that there will be an additional 35 percent growth in that area in the upcoming 15 to 25 years.

The center will serve residents in Oak Forest, Orland Hills, Orland Park, and Tinley Park. "We want to bring Moraine Valley closer to home for these residents. We have an excellent relationship with Andrew High School and Century Junior High School, but we are not able to offer day and weekend classes. We want to be able to provide those alternatives to the community," Curé said. Currently, approximately 500 students are enrolled in a variety of evening classes at Andrew in Tinley Park and at Century in Orland Park. Moraine Valley has offered classes at Andrew for the past 16 years and at Century for the past four years.

The center will be approximately 35,700 square feet that would include at least 10 classrooms, two computer labs, a science lab, and a multipurpose room. The center also would have a student services area, its own parking lot, and the potential for expansion.

The Moraine Valley Community College 2007 Employment and Adult College Fair is designed to explore employment, internship and educational opportunities. Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Time: Employment Fair 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Adult College Fair 4-7 p.m.

Location: Moraine Valley Community College Gym.

This fair is open to all students, graduates and community members

Network with a variety of employers from many profession and technical fields.





Jacki Mari

# NumAstrology

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by Jacki Mari and Alyn

## Physic Predictions

For all Signs for March 20<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and TelaFriend \*\*\*\*

### Happy Birthday Dan Ellis

Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: You find yourself being more "right" this week about many things like how to make more money.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is a week of surprises & wonderment for you. It all makes you happier & healthier.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: Read the above message & add this: someone tells you about a "help" for you. A aids.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: You soon find something that you thought was lost forever. Happy you! C/K involved.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You seem very content in goal setting. You just think it & it becomes your reality!

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Look around you. You see newness & beauty as you've not seen it before. F helps.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Give yourself more credit! You who had the dream & the oompa to make it come true.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Make your claim on those new ideas, they were & still are yours. Then share them.

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### Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers Genetically Challenged

Jack K. says "now there is another way out for someone who breaks the law, he or she can claim they are genetically challenged! What does your insight say about this?" Well, if it can be proven that people have no other choice but to commit a crime, they should be housed some place away from a society that would suffer at the hands of these genetically challenged persons & afforded mental helps needed. I just cannot fathom that someone should simply be set free because they had no other choice but to kill, rape, steal from or whatever their genetic disability forces them to do. I can see down the road a new law that will protect the victims against such a potential defense.

Jacki Mari & Alyn



ComEd construction install a new distribution line near the intersection of 78th Street and 80th Avenue in Tinley Park. The work is part of a larger ComEd project to increase electrical capacity in the area and improve reliability.

## \$1 million ComEd Project Adding Capacity, Improving Reliability In Growing Tinley Park Area

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## St. Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens calendar

### Family Programs

All programs will be held at the Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens. Reservations are required for all programs. Registration and payment for programs must be in person at Lake Katherine no later than the Thursday before the program.

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# VILLAGE VIEW



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March 20, 2007

## Chicago Ridge approves smoking ban

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved a smoking ordinance at the March 6, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting, which allows smoking in all enclosed public place including places of employment as declared to be legal in the village. This ordinance essentially negates the Cook County smoking ban ordinance, which county commissioners unanimously approved on March 15, 2006, effective March 15, 2007.

If municipalities had not passed their own smoking ban prior to March 15, they then would have been governed by the county ordinance. Under the county ban, smoking in all public buildings, including bars, restaurants, workplaces, and sports venues is prohibited as well as within 15-feet of an entrance way to an enclosed area. Nursing homes however are exempt.

The current senate sponsored bill in the 95th General Assembly is SB0500 would create a statewide smoking ban. The chief sponsor to this bill was changed to Sen. Terry Link on March 2, 2007. The cosponsors was also changed to Majority Whip Sen. John J. Cullerton- Sen. Iris. Y. Martinez was also added as a cosponsor. The bill has not passed at the time of this writing. If one feels the need for a statewide smoking ban, write your legislators, otherwise the entire concept may just go up in smoke.

## WORTH PARK DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL BUS TOUR

Many who recently tuned into WTTW had the pleasure of viewing a spectacular program about the southwest suburbs. While giving a fascinating tour of the region the show focused on how the 19th century I & M Canal transformed Chicago from an isolated trading post into the fastest-growing city in the history of the world.

If the southwest suburbs has sparked your interest and you're looking to explore this area even further, on Saturday May 5th, the Worth Park District Historical Museum along with Seecago Tours are offering a trip back in time. The bus tour will retrace the path of the I & M Canal from Lemont to Joliet. Complete historical narration along with refreshments on the bus, museum fees, and lunch at the historical Public Landing Restaurant in Lockport is included.

The bus will depart from the Worth Park District Historical Museum, 11500 Beloit, at 8:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m.. Cost is \$70.00 per person. To register or for more information please call the Park District at 708-448-7080 or go to the museum's website at

www.worthparkdistrict.org. Reservations must be made by April 27th, 2007.

## WORTH PARK DISTRICT MUSEUM PROGRAMS

The museum is located at the Terrace Center, 11500 Beloit.

Worth Museum Exhibit at the Gaylord Building, "The Friendly Village with Small Town Charm" 200 W. 8th

Street, Lockport, IL.. Open Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 6:00 p.m., Closed Monday. Exhibit Opens January 16, 2007 and Closes May 27, 2007.

The Worth Historical Museum is open during curator hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during Volunteer Workdays on Tuesday from 10:00 to 2:00. The museum is also open by appointment. The Historical Society meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcomed.

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## THE NORTH OF AMERICAN TOUR OF THE COLOR PURPLE TO PREMIERE AT THE CADILLAC PALACE THEATRE APRIL 17 - JULY 22, 2007

FEATURING FROM THE BROADWAY CAST Jeannette Bayardelle & Felicia P. Fields,

PLUS DESTINY'S CHILD'S MICHELLE WILLIAMS & american idol alum latoya london

CHICAGO (March 19, 2007) - The first North American Tour of the Broadway smash hit THE COLOR PURPLE will premiere at Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 W. Randolph St.) April 17 through July 22, 2007. THE COLOR PURPLE will feature stars of the Broadway production, Jeannette Bayardelle and Felicia P. Fields, along with Destiny's Child's Michelle Williams and American Idol alum LaToya London.

Jeannette Bayardelle comes to the tour directly from the Broadway production as the lead character Celie. Jeannette

released her debut CD Praise Report in 2005, and has toured in productions of Big River, Rent and Sister Act. She joins her Broadway castmate and native Chicagoan Felicia P. Fields, who originated the role of Sofia, for which she received a Tony Award\* nomination. Felicia has received numerous awards and nominations for her work on and Off-Broadway, and in Chicago.

Michelle Williams, another Chicago-area native and former member of Destiny's Child - one of the best-selling female groups of all time - will play the role of Shug Avery. Destiny's Child saw combined record sales of over 40 million records and has received enumerable industry awards and accolades for their many platinum and gold recordings. Following Destiny's Child, Michelle launched a successful solo career as an inspirational/gospel recording artist, and also starred on Broadway, as the love-crossed Nubian princess in Elton John and Tim Rice's hit musical Aida. Celie's sister Nettie will be played by LaToya London. 'London' was named the early front runner to win season three of American Idol by Simon Cowell and Elton John. On air she joined the ranks of the aptly named "Three Divas;" along side Jennifer Hudson and Fantasia (who was recently cast as Celie in the Broadway production).

Also starring in the North American Tour are Rufus Bonds, Jr. as Mister, Stu James as Harpo and Stephanie St. James as Squeak. Ensemble members are: Lynette Dupree, Kimberly Ann Harris and Virginia Ann Woodruff as the Church Ladies, Bridgette Bentley as the Church Soloist, and Adam Wade as Ol' Mister. Rounding out the cast are Shani Borden, Brian H. Brooks, Renee Monique Brown, Tiffany Daniels,

Quentin Earl Darrington, Kellen Davis, Lesley Terrell Donald, Aliyah D. Flowers, Andre Garner, Dameka Hayes, LaTonya Holmes, Jenna Ford Jackson, Trent Armand Kendall, Grasan Kingsberry, Keith Byron Kirk, Rhett George, Corrine McFarlane, Sumayah McRae, Anthony Wayne, Diamond White, Anthony Williams II and Mariama Whyte.

Nominated for eleven Tony Awards\*, including Best Musical, THE COLOR PURPLE opened December 1, 2006 at the Broadway Theatre where it continues its record breaking run. It is based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the moving film by Steven Spielberg. It is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who finds the strength to triumph over adversity, and discover her unique voice in the world. With a joyous GRAMMY\*-nominated score featuring gospel, jazz, pop and the blues, THE COLOR PURPLE is about hope and the healing power of love.

Michael Kuchwara, the Associated Press described THE COLOR PURPLE as "a Roof-Raising story of triumph." And Richard Corliss of TIME Magazine said, "[it is] a soaring, epic tale. It made a joyful noise in my heart." Elysa Gardner from USA Today raved, "Pure heart! It celebrates the inspiring relationships of faith and love, A Broadway hit!"

As on Broadway, the first North American Tour of THE COLOR PURPLE will be directed by Gary Griffin. THE COLOR PURPLE features a libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman, music and lyrics by Grammy Award\*-winning composers/lyricists Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, and choreography by Donald Byrd. The original creative team of Tony Award\*-winner

John Lee Beatty (sets), Paul Tazewell (costumes), Tony Award\*-winner Brian MacDevitt (lighting), Jon Weston (sound), Jonathan Tunick (orchestrations) and Kevin Stites (Music Supervisor) has been reunited for the tour.

The first North American Tour is produced by Oprah Winfrey, Scott Sanders, Roy Furman, Quincy Jones, Creative Battery, Anna Fantaci & Cheryl Lachowicz, Independent Presenters Network, Lowy Family Group, Stephanie McClelland, Gary Winnick, Jan Kallish, Nederlander Presentations, Inc., Bob and Harvey Weinstein, Andrew Asnes & Adam Zotovich and Todd Johnson, and is produced in special association with AEG Live.

THE COLOR PURPLE will premiere in Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 W. Randolph) April 17 through July 22, 2007. The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Wednesdays at 2 & 7:30 pm, Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Friday at 8 pm, Saturdays at 2 & 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Please note: There will be a 2 pm performance on Thursday, July 5. There will be a 7:30 pm performance on Sunday, April 22. June 3, June 17, July 1, July 8, July 15 and July 22. There will NOT be 2 pm performance on Wednesday, April 18, May 30, June 13, June 27 or July 4. There will NOT be a 7:30 pm performance on Tuesday, July 3. The performance on Tuesday, April 17 will begin at 8 pm.

Tickets for THE COLOR PURPLE range in price from \$28 to \$85 and are on sale at the Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (151 W. Randolph St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 18 W. Monroe St.), by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1400, online at a www.BroadwayInChicago.com

Get Ticket Early!





Jacki Mari

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 20<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online: Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and Telafriend\*\*\*\*

Happy Birthday Dan Ellis

Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: You find yourself being more "right" this week about many things like how to make more money.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is a week of surprises & wonderment for you. It all makes you happier & healthier.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: Read the above message & add this: someone tells you about a "help" for you. A aids.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: You soon find something that you thought was lost forever. Happy you! C/K involved.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You seem very content in goal setting. You just think it & it becomes your reality!

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Look around you. You see newness & beauty as you've not seen it before. F helps.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Give yourself more credit! You who had the dream & the oompa to make it come true.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Make your claim on those new ideas, they were & still are yours. Then share them.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: Life seems boring at times, but you can "spice" it up when meeting new challenges with zest. M & D aid. Ask.

Confidential Psychic Sessions with me in person or by phone are available - Hypnotherapy & AutoGnosis also available for most any problem area. Psychic Counseling is also available.

Sign up for exciting New Psychic Development Classes [starting April 11<sup>th</sup>].

For 1 or 2 questions you can go online to ePSYCHICAnswers @ JackiMari.Com; Psychic House Parties [Host/Hostess can be Free]. Call 708-597-5866 for information.

Psychic Mini-Sessions at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 pm. Appts best, walk-ins welcome.

I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only]. Available for Speaking Engagements.

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Genetically Challenged

Jack K. says "now there is another way out for someone who breaks the law, he or she can claim they are genetically challenged! What does your insight say about this?" Well, if it can be proven that people have no other choice but to commit a crime, they should be housed some place away from a society that would suffer at the hands of these genetically challenged persons & afforded mental helps needed. I just cannot fathom that someone should simply be set free because they had no other choice but to kill, rape, steal from or whatever their genetic disability forces them to do. I can see down the road a new law that will protect the victims against such a potential defense. . . . . Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Burbank Park District news

Remember 'Stranger Danger.' Every child should know what to do when approached by a stranger. Join Mc Gruff and Officer Friendly from the Burbank Police Department who will provide children with an afternoon of informative fun. Registration required. The event is Thursday, March 22 from 4-5pm for all ages preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The event is free.

Chicago Bulls vs Denver Nuggets is on Thursday, March 22 at the United Center. Fee is \$39 for bus and ticket to the game. Seats are in section 304 rows 8-10. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The bus departs 6pm. Call BPD for reservations.

The Burbank Park District Center is 8050 South Newcastle, Burbank and the phone number is 708-599-2070.

## Chicago Children's Theatre announces new location

Chicago Children's Theatre announced a new location for the tent in which it will stage its high-energy, fun filled production of Go Dog Go! April 13-May 20, 2007. In a partnership with the Chicago Park District, Butler Field in Grant Park, located at Monroe Street and Lake Shore Drive will be transformed with a 700-seat circus tent for Chicago premiere of the much-loved children's story.

Go Dog Go! Is adapted from PD Eastman's classic children's book by Steven Dietz and Allison Gregory. It promises to thrill audiences with a chaotic carnival of music and physical comedy that celebrates simplicity of life. Dogs of all sizes, shapes and colors dance, sing, work, play, skate and climb through a magical world. Musical Director is Jonathan Maestro for Children Theatre. He teaches at Columbia College and Old Town of Folk Music.

Go Dog Go! Is enjoyed by everyone aged 4 and older. Tickets are \$15-38 and the Target Family Matinee Series offers a limited number of two for

one tickets on Sunday afternoons. Call 312-334-7777 or visit the web at [www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org)

## Moraine Valley appoints new police chief

Patrick O'Connor of Palos Heights has come full circle in his career as a law enforcement officer with his appointment March 15 as Moraine Valley Community College's new police chief—professionally and academically. O'Connor, public safety director and police chief for the village of Worth for the past six years, will begin his new duties in April.

"Chief O'Connor is an outstanding professional," said Andrew Duren, vice president for Administrative Services and College Facilities who oversees the police department. "He has more than 30 years of service as a police officer at all levels and is well known throughout the state for his work with law enforcement organizations."

He will lead a department of 41 officers and staff members, including 21 sworn officers at Moraine Valley.

O'Connor, who holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University, where he received the Criminal Justice Department's Academic Award of Excellence, earned Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees from Moraine Valley, where he worked as a campus safety and security officer while attending classes.

He has served as a police officer in Highland Park and

LaGrange in different capacities. "Chief O'Connor will bring a wealth of experience to his position here. His duties ranged from patrol officer to operations commander before assuming his responsibilities in Worth," Duren said. "He will contribute greatly to our administrative team."

O'Connor also has been a member of the college's adjunct faculty since 2002 teaching criminal justice courses.

He is a certified chief of police and serves in a variety of capacities with the Illinois Chiefs of Police, including fourth vice president of the Board of Officers and a member of the planning and funding committee. He also is president of the Cook County fifth district Chiefs of Police Association and vice president of the South Suburban Chiefs of Police Association. O'Connor has completed over 2,800 hours of professional training through institutions such as Northwestern Center for Public Safety-School of Staff and Command, U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI, and New Scotland Yard, London, England. For news inquiries, call Mark Horstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or [horstmeier@morainevalley.edu](mailto:horstmeier@morainevalley.edu).

## April 12 is National Licorice Day

by Annette Dixon

I received a colorful postcard of assorted licorice, photo by Australian All Sorts by Kookaburra and it reminded me of my recent trip in Australia.

Licorice dates back more than 3,000 years in China.

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The owner of this overturned automobile has his brand new car only five days before the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado threw it into the kitchen of his house at 9400 S. Major Avenue. Photo by Frank Zydek. Courtesy of Oak Lawn Public Library

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado

Ask nearly any longtime Oak Lawn resident where they were on April 21, 1967 and you will hear a story of fear, hope, devastation, service or relief. To honor the 40th anniversary of the tornado that ripped through the Village of Oak Lawn and other regions of the southwest Chicagoland area, the Oak Lawn Public Library has partnered with Oak Lawn Community High School to offer a series of free public programs.

**\*\* Tomados of Northeast Illinois - 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. -** Local historian Betsy Green discusses memorable tomados from the last 125 years in Chicago and the suburbs, including the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado.

**\*\* Local History Room Grand Opening - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21 and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. -** Be among the first to see the library's new Local History Room. View an exhibit of photographs, newspaper articles and memorabilia from the 1967 tornado. Browse the resources available to patrons researching Oak Lawn history. Light refreshments.

**\*\* 1967 Tornado History Presentation - Noon Saturday, April 21 at Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. -** The library's new Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show presentation examining features in their tornado anniversary exhibit and moderate a short discussion. Learn about that fateful day through eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and other records maintained in the library's local history archives.

**\*\* Tornado Sculpture Dedication - 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at Oak Lawn Community High School (OLCHS), 95th St. and Southwest Highway -** As one of the many buildings struck by the 1967 tornado, the high school will unveil a student-created sculpture

commemorating the destruction and rebuilding of their pool and gymnasium. Distinguished ceremony speakers will include: Michael Riordan, OLCHS Principal; Paul Merzlock, Lead Forecaster, National Weather Service Chicago; Skip Sullivan, OLCHS staff member and alumnus; Jim Purpura, National Weather Service Meteorologist-in-Charge and OLCHS alumnus; and Dave Heilmann, Oak Lawn Mayor. Survivors will have an opportunity to record their stories on video and audio for the school's website archives. Light refreshments. Commemorative polo shirts will be available for purchase. On April 21, OLCHS has generously agreed to provide limited free shuttle service between the library and the high school from 1-4 p.m. For details, call 708-741-5857.

**\*\* Tornado Memories Open Mic - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. -** Do you have a firsthand experience to share? Was your life affected by the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado? Did you help out with rescue and cleanup efforts? Members of the community are invited to share their memories at this open mic forum. Sign in at the door to speak. Five minute time limit. This event will be videotaped.

For more information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit their web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

### Welcome Home

U.S. Marine Matt McCarthy had been back from the war in Iraq less than two weeks last October when he bought his first home—a one-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath “Buckley” design on the second floor at Prairie Town Center.

“The opportunity just fell into my lap,” says 24-year-old McCarthy, a corporal who had just completed a seven-month tour providing security for major U.S. bases in Iraq, before returning to his hometown of Oak Lawn last fall. “My parents still live here, and I knew this was the neighborhood I wanted to live in. Sales had just started at Prairie

### Lions of Evergreen Park presents check

Lions Club of Evergreen Park President Lion Don Sisto is shown above presenting a check to Beverly Ridge Lion Ron Johnson, chairman of the Lions District 1A Vision First Program. This program has provided vision testing and glasses to over 21000 financially needy school children in the Chicago area in less than three years of existence. For further info on the Lions club you may visit their web site @ <http://lionsclubofevergreenparkil.org>.

Town Center, and it was a great opportunity to buy at pre-construction prices. Being in Iraq was like having a forced savings plan, because you can't spend dollars over there. I'm living with my parents until my new place is ready, so I'll save even more between now and then.”

McCarthy is working as a paramedic while he trains to become a firefighter. Matt stated regarding the condo, “I'm attracted to it because it's brand new. And everything is close—the bank, the train, the stores. I won't have to drive.”

He says he felt confident buying a home at Prairie Town Center, even though construction had yet to begin, because he had seen another condominium building developed by the same company in Oak Lawn. “When I saw the Arbor Court building a few blocks away, I could tell that the company had done a really good job with the design and construction.”



Elizabeth Schoenmeier of Oak Lawn and her first great, great, grandson, Tyler Andrew Black of Kankakee.

### Oak Lawn resident meets her great great grandson

Tyler was born Wednesday, March 28, 2007 weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park. His grandparents are Richard and Kathleen Gabay of Oak Lawn with who Elizabeth resides. Tyler's loving parents are Michael and Sarah Black from Kankakee.

This five generation family is proud and happy to have his great great grandmother around to hold and love him also. Sadly, Ms. Margaret Shannon passed away in December of 2000 and she would have been Tyler's great grandmother. Congratulations Ms. Schoenmeier and the Gabay family of Oak Lawn on the new arrival of Tyler Andrew Black.

Prairie Town Center and the Arbor Court condominiums at 96th Street and 51st Avenue are joint ventures of Chicago-based builder and developer Morningside Group and Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.-based Mid-America Development Partners.

Morningside Group also served as program manager for the Village of Oak Lawn in building a new Metra station just north of Arbor Court and an adjacent municipal parking structure with more than 800 spaces.

Since starting sales in September of 2006, Prairie Town Center is already more than 70 percent sold.

The building will feature a brick-and-stone facade, and all residences will have private balconies. Homes range in size from 1,007 square feet to 1,461 square feet and have either one bedroom and one-and-a-half

baths, or two bedrooms and two baths. Base prices for remaining residences at Prairie Town Center are from \$208,900 to \$319,900. One heated, indoor parking space and individual storage lockers are included. Exterior parking is also available.

Standard features at Prairie Town Center include kitchens with furniture-quality, 42-inch upper cabinets. Baths have cultured-marble tops in a variety of colors, and buyers can choose from a selection of vanity styles and finishes.

Residences have nine-foot ceilings in all living spaces, per plan; and walk-in closets or dressing rooms in master bedrooms, per plan.

“It's going to be great living in a brand new place,” McCarthy says. “I'm really excited about it.”



## Abdullah to speak at Trinity Senior Club

Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors, Thursday, April 5 at 1:15 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn.

Lydia Peterson, coordinator, announced that Mr. Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and discuss Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages and On Line Property information.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing Michigan.

## Dan Schramm to run for Hickory Hills Treasurer on April 17th ballot

Four years ago, Dan Schramm ran against the incumbent Treasurer of Hickory Hills, Mark Ivancic, and lost in a closely contested election. After 16 years of service as Hickory Hills Treasurer, Mark Ivancic has decided not to run for a 5th term.

Dan Schramm has filed his petitions for Treasurer and is on the April 17th ballot. The Treasurer's position is the only contested elected office on this year's Hickory Hills ballot. The Mayor, City Clerk, and 5 Alderman elected positions are unopposed.

Dan Schramm states: "The Hickory Hills Treasurer's position is one of the most important elected offices for the residents and businesses of Hickory Hills, and requires a candidate with



## JOURNAL KEEPING WORKSHOP

A one-day Journal-Keeping Workshop will be presented by Grace K. Morris, M.A. at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 9333 South Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, IL from 9:30AM to 4:00PM, Saturday, April 21.

The workshop offers an opportunity to explore your inner world and discover yourself through Journal-Keeping. Some of the topics to be covered will be: Your Stepping Stones, Your Significant Others, Those Who Have Influenced Your Life, Roads Taken and Roads Not Taken, Words Unsaid, Moving Back and Forward in Your Life History and What's Ahead.

For further information, contact Grace at Astro Economics, Inc., 1415 W. 22nd St., Tower Floor, Oak Brook, IL 60523, phone 815-464-8200, fax 815-464-8163, www.astroeconomics.com.

strong qualifications and experience to fill the City Treasurer's role. The Treasurer has the responsibility of overseeing approximately \$15 million of City Revenues that funds all the citywide services, and, at times, requires issuing Bonds to finance major capital projects in the City.

The Treasurer is the taxpayers' "Watchdog" in keeping the City financially strong. The City cannot afford a Treasurer that is not qualified for the position. This is not a four year on the job training elected position."

Dan Schramm has 35 years of Finance and Accounting experience in both business and city government. Dan is currently VP Treasurer of Heico Companies, a \$2.5 billion holding company of diverse world wide manufacturing companies Dan has also served as

## Lipinski supports responsible budget with the Right Priorities for America's Families

WASHINGTON, DC- Congressman Dan Lipinski voted to approve the 2008 budget which will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability, strengthen our national defense, care for our veterans, and invest in our children.

"This budget reflects our commitment to this nation's principles of strength, growth, and opportunity - to fully fund our national defense, continue improvements to our nation's infrastructure, and help ease the burdens on America's working families," said Representative Lipinski.

This budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history, \$3.5 billion more than the President's budget. "These additional resources are needed to ensure that our nation's veterans receive care worthy of their sacrifice," stated Lipinski. "This includes the 55,000 brave Illinoisans who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services."

Additionally, the Budget provides increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), supplying much needed help to the 385,610 Illinois children who are currently without health insurance. "Increasing funds to SCHIP is the right thing to do," said Lipinski. "Covering kids is one of the most cost-effective, worthwhile investments we can make as a nation."

Lipinski, a new member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, also commended the inclusion of full funding for programs financed by the Highway and Aviation Trust Funds. "All too often, critical infrastructure investments are shortchanged due to the need to finance day-to-day operations," said Lipinski. "This budget does not make that mistake."

Chairman of the Hickory Hills Economic Development Committee for the past 4 years, and served as 2nd Ward Alderman and City Council Finance Chairman for 15 months back 2005/2006. Based on Dan Schramm's City Government and Business Qualifications and experience, Dan has gained the endorsements of Hickory Hills Mayor, Michael Howley, and five Aldermen on the City Council.

This year's election is very important to everyone in the City of Hickory Hills, so I need everyone to get out and "Vote" for the Best Candidate for City Treasurer.

Dan M. Schramm

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## Collins' Revised Sudan Divestment Bill passes Senate

SPRINGFIELD, IL-A bill sponsored by State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) to disassociate from terrorism and genocide in the Sudan passed the Senate. Sen. Collins fought to make Illinois the first state in the nation in 2005 to divest taxpayers' money from the Sudan, where government-backed militia have brutally murdered civilians, burned down villages, drove families into refugee camps, and raped thousands of women and girls.

Last month, a judge overturned the law on the grounds that it would cause severe harm to small, municipal pension funds. Looking to the judge's ruling for direction, Sen. Collins implemented minor changes to a new Act that even more effectively puts pressure on those corporations that truly support Sudanese genocide and minimize potential harm to pension funds.

"Polls have shown that



Pictured at the signing of the book, from left, is Alderman Edward M. Burke and Thomas J. O'Gorman.

## End of Watch is for sale at the FOP Headquarters

Mark Donahue, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Chapter #7 recently invited Alderman Edward M. Burke, 14th Ward and Thomas J. O'Gorman, writers of the new book they authored to a book signing. The title of the book is, "End of Watch."

This book brings forth the story of Chicago Police Officers killed in the line of duty since 1853 to 2006.

The book is for sale at the F.O.P. Headquarters, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., along with other book stores throughout the City of Chicago. This superb book of pictures and reading is 550 pages long.

taxpayers overwhelmingly oppose investing in nations that promote terrorism. Divesting from the Sudan sends a clear message that we in Illinois do not want to be associated with the atrocities that the government of Sudan supports, and that we will not betray our Sudanese brothers and sisters," said Sen. Collins.

Six states followed Illinois' lead in divesting from the Sudan, and many others have introduced legislation to that effect. Over forty universities have enacted divestment policies as well. "I'm honored that Illinois launched the divestment movement. The lawsuit decision affirmed that states have the right to divest, and I expect that more states will pass similar measures soon."

The new Act makes several clear changes to the original law, addressing the judge's concerns: first, pension funds and retirement systems are no longer required to divest from the large US corporations that have some presence in the Sudan under

U.S. permit. Certifying that certain funds are Sudan-free is significantly easier under the new Act also. Portions of the Act concerning State Treasurer investments have been omitted as well, at the direction of the judge.

"Divestment had a demonstrable impact toward ending the system of Apartheid in South Africa, and I hope that our efforts will have a comparable result in ending the atrocities in the Sudan."

**Remembering Riverview**  
The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th St., will host "Reminiscing About Chicago's Riverview Park" 2 p.m. Thursday, April 19. Remember the "good old days" with public speaker Larry Bergnach. Share treasured memories of Riverview Park, located until the 1960's at Belmont & Western Avenue. Relive the Bobs, Chute the Chutes, Aladdin Castle, Flying Turns, two cent day and other features of the park. Free admission. First come, first seated in the lower level meeting room.



**Brunch at the Hilton**  
 -Easter Brunch is April 8 from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Grand and Astoria Ballrooms at the Oak Lawn Hilton. There is the popular 'Kiddie Buffet' which offers kid-friendly foods. The Easter Bunny will be here. Cost is \$44 adults, \$20 kids 6-12 and \$12 toddlers 3-5. Reservations are required. Call 708-229-8850.

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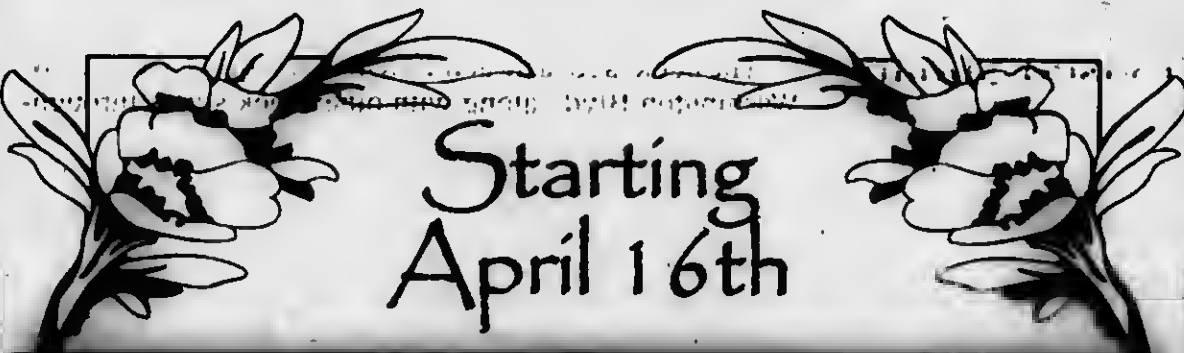
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## Mt Greenwood Garden Club news

The next meeting of the Mt Greenwood Garden Club is April 12, 2007 at the Mt Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago from 6:30-8:45pm. The Garden Club speaker is Ron Karlic and will speak on Japanese Gardens with highlighting his article published in the Journal of Japanese Gardening.

His garden is a work in progress and his presentation will take one through that process with video and stills that show wild life and how quickly a garden fills in. The meeting is open to nonmembers. For information call 773-1141

**Vote Early  
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 Often!**

## Early election sites in the area

The following sites have been designated by David Orr, Cook County Clerk that are early voting locations for the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election between March 26 and April 12, 2007.

Site	Address	City
Phone No.		
Alsip VH	4500 W 123 <sup>rd</sup> St.	
Alsip	708-385-6902	
Bridgeview Courthouse	10220 S 76 <sup>th</sup> Ave Rm 238	
Bridgeview	708-974-6150	
Chicago Heights CH	1601 Chicago Rd.	
Chicago Heights	708-756-5300	
Harvey CH	15320 Broadway Ave	
Harvey	708-210-5300	
Markham CH	16501 Kedzie Rm 238	
Markham	708-210-4150	
Oak Forest CH	15440 S Central Ave	
Oak Forest	708-687-4050	
Oak Lawn VH	9446 S Raymond Ave	
Oak Lawn	708-636-4400	
Orland Park VH	14700 Ravinia Ave	
Orland Park	708-403-6100	
Palos Heights VH	7607 W College Dr.	
Palos Heights	708-381-1800	
South Holland VH	16226 Wausau	
South Holland	708-210-2900	

Early voting will be conducted at all sites Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm and on Saturday from 9am to Noon.

**Residents of Hickory Hills  
 On April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Vote For:**

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman: Deborah Ferrero
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman: Joseph Stachnik

**I need your vote on April 17<sup>th</sup> -- Dan Schramm**

## Mount Carmel H.S. Mothers' Club To host Spring Fashion Show

Mount Carmel High School welcomes everyone to join the Mothers' Club annual spring fashion Show, 'Music of the Night' on Sunday, April 22, 2007 at Lexington House, 7717 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Hickory Hills. Cocktails begin at noon where guests will enjoy Mount Carmel student band, Browntown perform at the event. Luncheon begins at 1:00 p.m.

Get ready for spring fun and enjoy models from the Mount Carmel family including mothers, alumni mothers, students, and faculty as they hit the runway in eye-catching apparel by several fashion houses including: Laura's of Homewood, Bellissimo, Lili of Trieste, Carson Pirie Scott, Mal's Men Shop, Cosmos Furs, The Wooley Catepillar, and Boss FormalWear.

The models hair and make up are compliments of Everything's Relative, a full service salon in Evergreen Park.

## Mount Carmel Fathers Club presents fundraiser

Mount Carmel High School's Fathers Club presents the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fight Night on Saturday, April 28 in the Alumni Gym at Mount Carmel high school located at 6410 S. Dante Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Catch the excitement and tradition of a bygone era with Golden Glove-like amateur boxing matches among students in various weight classes. Over 50 students have been preparing and participating in qualifying boxing rounds during the past few months.

Fight Night is the largest Fathers Club fundraiser with all proceeds going to Mount Carmel high school, a Catholic all-boys Chicago high school. Raffle prizes include \$15,000 grand prize (and other cash prizes) and are available for sale in advance for \$100.00 each. Winner need not be present.

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The club's prices are low and there are no contracts to sign. The next six-week session begins in Alsip on April 15th and is offered at a bargain rate of \$45.00 per person. Classes are an hour long, with extra time with the instructors for coaching. Partners are not required but are encouraged to add to the fun. For more information, please call 708-388-JUMP (5867).

## Senior Happenings in Oak Lawn

Showers are not the only things that come in April. At the Oak Lawn Senior center on Monday, April 16 at 9:30am a representative from Suburban bank and trust will introduce new programs developed for seniors in the Village.

At 10:30 am Brian Milich from the Cook County Sheriff's Office will discuss "Seniors in Emergency Situations" His presentation will explain how most natural and man made disasters take us by surprise and how to prepare for an impact. Refreshments will be served.

The Rummage sale is April 20 from 9am to 4pm and April 21 from 9am to 1pm. This is on a Friday and Saturday. Donations of unwanted treasures will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday prior to sale. Pick up service is

available.

Donations include pots, pans, dishes, glassware, plants, books, records, videos, knickknacks, jewelry and clean articles of clothing. Lunch is served for a nominal fee.

The Box day Lunch is sponsored by Cusack Insurance and will discuss insurance matters, Medicare supplements and the like. Tickets may be purchased at the center for \$3. Seating is limited.

The Center is located at 5330 W 95<sup>th</sup> St and the number is 708-499-0240.

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## Palos Township candidates' forum set for Saturday, April 7th in Hickory Hills

(Hickory Hills, Illinois March 31, 2007) Palos Township residents can meet and listen to candidates for local office in the April 17<sup>th</sup> Election at a candidates' forum to be held Sat., April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, in Hickory Hills' new Janosik Banquet Hall (formerly the Hickory Lanes bowling alley) at 9126 S. Roberts Road. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the forum will start at 10:00 a.m.

The forum is being sponsored and conducted by the Palos Township Republican Organization. Lee Roupas, the Palos Township Republican Committeeman, appointed Hickory Hills Ald. Tom McAvoy (3<sup>rd</sup>) as Chairman of the Candidates Forum Committee. McAvoy is unopposed in his reelection contest.

According to Roupas, "the purpose of the forum is to allow Palos Township voters, be they Republicans, Democrats or independents, an opportunity to meet and listen to candidates seeking election at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Non-Partisan Consolidated Local Election."

All candidates for local office running in Palos Township, regardless of their party affiliation, have been invited to attend, including all candidates for city and village offices, school boards as well as park, library and other special district boards.

Roupas said, "Some voters vote in national and state elections, but just don't vote in local elections. Local contests don't get the heavy media attention and publicity, but in terms of your local tax dollars, they are equally important ... if not more so."

McAvoy added, "For Hickory Hills voters this is especially so, since they will choose a new City Treasurer. Both candidates for City Treasurer, Lauraice Conrad and Dan Schramm, have committed to attend the forum."

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## Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation offers scholarships

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are fully or partially Italian ancestry. Scholarships are in the amount \$1000 each, to be awarded by the Foundation. Qualified students can be from public or private schools and graduate this year.

Applications are obtained by contacting Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation in writing at 333 N. La Grange Road, Suite 9, La Grange Park Ill. Include a stamped envelope. Applications are now available and need to be returned to the Foundation by July 1. Winners will be notified on or before August 1.

## Easter Bunny in town

The Oak lawn Special Events Commission is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt on the Village Green on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at three times as follows: 11:30am, 12:00pm noon and 12:30pm.

Bring your camera for photos of children with the Easter Bunny in the gazebo. The OL Village green is located 94<sup>th</sup> and Cook Avenue, north of Oak Lawn Library.



## Annual Walk holds special meaning for one strong survivor

Rita Walsh of Mount Greenwood has always been proactive about performing breast self-exams, because breast cancer has become all too familiar. It took the life of one of her closest friends, who passed away four years ago.

In December 2005, Rita found a lump on her breast, not during one of her monthly breast self-exams, but rather while she was lying in bed. She began receiving treatment from Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. She also met Margie Sweeney, a woman deeply involved in the Hospital's annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk who encouraged Rita to join her crusade.

"I was already being treated at Little Company of Mary for my breast cancer, when I discovered that the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk supported the hospital's Comprehensive Breast Health Center," said Walsh. "I decided to begin raising money for my community hospital and walking for the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk."

Today, Rita is an active participant in the Beverly

Breast Cancer Walk. Last year, she gathered a few hundred of her closest family members and friends, 400 to be exact, to join her in the walk. She also joined the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk Committee and her team raised more than \$15,000. This year, Rita, whose cancer is now in remission, and her team will try to beat last year's record amount.

"It is so much nicer walking in Beverly than downtown. It is much more of a neighborhood feel, people helping people. People play music on their blocks and they decorate their houses all in the spirit of the walk,"

The Walk is held annually on Mother's Day, which is May 13, 2007. This special event is supported by various businesses and individuals and more than 6,000 walkers participate. The Walk begins at 8 a.m. at Ridge Park, 96<sup>th</sup> and Longwood Drive, and continues through the historic Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood. This year's walk will benefit Little Company of Mary's Comprehensive Breast Health Center and the purchase of a digital mammography machine.

Call the Little Company of Mary Foundation office at 708.229.5067 or log on to [www.beverlybreastcancerwalk.org](http://www.beverlybreastcancerwalk.org) to make a donation or to register for the walk.

## Memorial to Sky

Sky was born on January 13, 1955 on a Sioux reservation in Montana. He was educated on the reservation, and volunteered for service in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

After serving three years with the military, the training he received as a cook, baker and supply clerk helped him procure a stable foundation for the work force. Sky's last position was that of forman of construction.

Sky is remembered in Village View as an avid reader and fiance of Linda Steiner, Village View's Sales Manager.

Sky passed away from Cancer on March 31, 2007 at St Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

He is left by family and friends and fiance Linda Steiner. He will be waked on Tues. April 3, 2007 and

buried Wednesday with a full honored guard from the VFW. in Royal, Arkansas.

Also on that date there will be an official native American ceremony honoring Sky the dearly loved, respected and cherished fiance of Linda Steiner.

If anyone would like more information contact Linda Steiner at 501-609-0547 or email [steinerlinda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steinerlinda@sbcglobal.net)

Editorial note:

The generous gift Sky and

Linda gave me for Christmas was approximately 60 CD's of their collection of Indian Music as Sky would say. He did not like the words Native American. Sky's name was given to him at birth. He considered his Christian name as William Apodaca.

May the spirits be with you and may the earth be warm and the sea drinkable and the food plentiful.

## Easter Services

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Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**

April 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Good Friday**

April 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Vigil Saturday**

April 7, 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

April 8, Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

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## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for April 3<sup>rd</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and Telfriend

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**Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo:** Count your blessings. Count new money, & count those calories. Whew! W aids and a T.

**Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer:** You are about to make an important commitment. Could involve real estate. R aids.

**Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius:** Men are only boys in adult bodies. Love them for what they mean to you. C/K help.

**Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn:** You may be feeling a bit overwhelmed by the demands made on you. B helps.

**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** It is no mystery, there are helps beyond logical explanation. Trust! F aids.

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** Read the above message & add this: little lights appear but can be angels.

**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** You may form a new set of ideals or goals this week. Good for you! B & P help, ask.

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Bad memories from your past are cropping up. Dismiss them, or they'll rule you.

**Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces:** Many of you will win money this week & next. Some get helpful financial tips. T aids & a foreign person too.

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Psychic Mini-Sessions available from 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] 4-2 & 4-16 [1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon]. Walk-ins welcome.

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"Unhealthy choices"

S.P. says "using the cop-out that 'I made unhealthy choices' does not, & cannot, repair the damage they do. Such people get away with only having to say 'I'm sorry.' This excuse is used by drug and alcohol abusers and other addicted people.

These social outcasts are often thrown back into society no matter how much help or rehab they get and cause a crippling effect on everyone that knows or tries to help them. Adversely affected is anyone that comes into contact with them." Yes, S.P. They stomp on the truly sincere love that their family members offer them and can be a financial drain on everyone they know.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Evergreen Park increases liquor fines

by Matt Mayer

Village officials approved an ordinance at the March 19, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. Regarding an amendment and a section of the municipal code pertaining to alcoholic liquor, consumption, possession, false identification, employment of under aged persons, and a chapter regarding miscellaneous provisions and offenses. Administration adjudication of non-vehicular code violations, and a section regarding the schedule of fines for specific offenses. The ordinance increases the fine to \$250 for failure to pay a fine for a violation on or before the first hearing date. And increases to \$350 if it has not been paid by the date scheduled to file a memorandum of judgment.

Sections of the ordinance are as follows: No one under the age of 21 shall consume, purchase or accept delivery of alcoholic liquor, or have liquor in his possession, with the following exemptions persons under 21 for a religious service or ceremony, a person with the direct supervision and approval of the a parent or guardian, in the privacy of the parent or guardians home. No one shall sell, give or deliver alcoholic liquor to any person under the age of 21. It is also unlawful for any one under the age of 21 to use false identification or the identification of another person - to obtain admittance to a liquor establishment - or is used to purchase - or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor from any liquor establishment.

It is unlawful for any person to employ any one under 21 in any licensed premises, where alcoholic liquor is sold, were that person is involved in the sale or delivery of alcoholic liquor.

Persons under 21 however, may be employed in any licensed premises were the employment doesn't require their involvement. A fine of not less than \$125 nor more than \$500 will apply in regards to a violation of any section of the ordinance.

## Immigration visited in the Remy Bumpo Theatre

by Marijo Doody

At a recent theatre event at Remy Bumpo for "An Immigrant Class" a forum flyer was provided on "Immigrants are American." The forum in the form of a Town Hall Meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2007 at the Copernican Foundation, 5216 W Laurence Ave, Chicago.

The dialogue presented in the play focused on the problems which current immigrants face. The area is pro-immigration and the topics of medical and social issues were not addressed and the drain on American economy. There were some similarities that our forefathers faced in turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century faced.

The Town Hall Meeting press release has both Congressmen Rahm

Emanuel and Louis Gutierrez confirmed. Certainly Immigration Reform is a hot political topic now. At the post show, discussion questions arose is the USA the best place to Be?

May you all have a very happy and blessed Easter! From Village View Newspapers



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The Chicago Divorce Association for Men, an Illinois not-for-profit company is now offering its services to the members in the community regarding issues of divorce, mediation, child custody, parental rights and grandparent rights. To assist readers, listeners and viewers in getting assistance through the organization Chicago Divorce Association for Men, call 630-860-2100 the web is [www.chicagodivorce.com](http://www.chicagodivorce.com).

The Power-Up Program is designed to assist needy families with an income level between 150% and 200% of poverty targeting households that are disconnected or are imminent disconnect. This program provides a onetime grant up to \$400 per program year. LIHEAP eligible clients under 150% poverty level are not eligible to Power Up.

To receive assistance under the Power Up Program household combined income for a family of one for a 30 day period is \$1225-1633 and \$1665-2200 for a family of 2. When you apply for assistance bring the following with you 1. Proof of gross income from all household members for the 30 day period prior to application date (pay stubs, social security benefit letter, etc.) 2. Copy of the current Com Ed bill within 30 days and 3. Proof of identification for Com Ed customer (gas, water, telephone bill photo ID)

Funds are limited and applications are processed on a first-come first-served basis. For more information on where to apply call the CEDA Energy Hotline 800-571-2332.

## New FRUIT DIET

### Confirms "Fruits and Veggies - More Matters"

May Be Nature's Remedy for America's Growing Obesity and Health Concerns

San Diego, CA —The FRUIT DIET Rapid Weight-Loss Program is more than just a weight-loss plan. According to author and clinical nutritionist, Jay Robb, "more fruits and vegetables in the diet are just what Americans need."

The Produce for Better Health Foundation would seem to agree, with the launch of the "Fruits and Veggies - More Matters," campaign that replaces the 5 A Day awareness program and encourages Americans to eat greater amounts of fruits and vegetables. According to the Foundation, more than 50 percent of adult consumers know they need to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day, but more than 90 percent do not eat the recommended amount.

Most nutritionists will agree that humans should eat judicious amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables to maintain optimum health and prevent all major diseases. Unfortunately, since most Americans fall way short of eating the government's suggested minimum it is easy to see why over 2/3 of all Americans are overweight.

If five daily servings of fresh fruits and vegetables are suggested for good health, what would happen if you accelerated that number to 20 or more daily servings? Jay Robb says, "It could radically change your life by turning back the hands of time, softening your skin, lowering your body fat levels, lowering your blood pressure, firming your muscles, lowering cholesterol levels, improving your eye

## Saint Xavier University finalizes preparations for President's Scholarship Ball

*Daniel and Maureen Curley and the Honorable Terrence and Jennifer Duffy to co-chair*

Chicago (March 30, 2007) — Saint Xavier University has announced final plans for the 2007 President's Scholarship Ball. Daniel and Maureen Curley and the Honorable Terrence and Jennifer Duffy will co-chair the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual gala at the Field Museum on Saturday, April 21. Daniel Curley and Terrence Duffy also serve on the Saint Xavier University Board of Trustees.

"The co-chairs provide significant visibility and help garner valuable sponsorship support for the President's Scholarship Ball," said Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D. "We are very grateful for their ongoing support and personal commitment to the University."

This year, Edward M. Burke, longtime Chicago alderman, will be honored at the gala with the Shield of

Saint Xavier for his commitment to service and generosity to Chicago's Catholic institutions.

Burke, 63, has served Chicago's 14th Ward for more than 35 years. A recognized expert on city budget matters, Burke is the chairman of the City Council Finance Committee and is responsible for all legislative matters pertaining to the city's finances, including municipal bonds, taxes and revenue matters. Known as the "Dean of the City Council," Burke became 14<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Committeeman in 1968 and alderman in 1969. He also served as a Chicago police officer from 1965 to 1968. He co-wrote with Thomas J. O'Gorman the recently released book *End of Watch: Chicago Police Killed in the Line of Duty 1853-2006*, which examines the remarkable sacrifice of 526 sworn officers of the Chicago Police Department. He is married to Anne Burke, the newest member of the Illinois Supreme Court and a former Saint Xavier trustee.

The President's Scholarship Ball will be the capstone event to a yearlong series of activities marking Saint Xavier's 160<sup>th</sup> year as the "First in Chicago" serving the educational needs of the community. The ball has raised millions of dollars for the President's Scholarship Program, which provides fi-

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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By: Kathy Whirity  
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### Living a Life that Matters

Her young grandsons stood around - sometimes fidgeting as if not quite sure what they were suppose to do be doing, other times they took turns sitting next to their mom on the small but comfortable couch.

Her husband, Al, stood close by, just a few feet away from the shiny teal blue casket that now held his beloved wife of 52 years.

The extra tight hugs, the occasional flow of tears, as visitors paid their last respects and extended their condolences to a bereaved husband, were a sobering reminder of why family, friends and neighbors were gathered there.

Technically, Al and Mary Keffer were not really my husband Bill's aunt and uncle.

Al was my mother-in-law's cousin. But that made no difference. For as long as I've known Bill they have been Aunt Mary and Uncle Al to us.

Aunt Mary's passing took us all by surprise. Like most busy families we sometimes lost track of each other on a day to day basis. We'd enjoy each others company at weddings and other family get togethers. Sometimes we'd run into Uncle Al at the park where we'd end up doing more talking than walking, which was always a pleasant opportunity to catch up on family news.

The diagnosis of end stage lung cancer and the brief, but futile, battle that followed is the reason we were brought together to say good bye to the matriarch of the Keffer clan.

A lifetime of photos decorated tables and stood on easels, each one recalling happier days - family milestones that make up the moments worth celebrating.

Aunt Mary and Uncle Al were married for 52 years. Now, a marriage that can endure that many decades is bound to have weathered a storm or two. But if the clouds ever rained on their bliss they didn't linger for long. Throughout all those years you never saw one without the other. They were always a team, through thick and thin - through sunshine or rain.

I thought of this as I watched Uncle Al, suddenly solo.

The older I get; the more wakes I attend, I am reminded that no matter what your relationship to someone, when they are gone the recollections of good times come rushing back - the years adding up to a mountain of happy memories, remembered as if they happened yesterday.

When Bill and I tied the knot, over 30 years ago, it was Aunt Mary and Uncle Al who added some special touches to our small and simple ceremony and reception.

They took turns playing photographer- taking all the wedding photos. They also supplied us with printed wedding announcements.

I recently came across the remnants of a yellowed and tattered napkin from our wedding day. Outlined in silver is a silhouette of a bride and groom, just below it our new married name and special date etched out in fancy lettering, also a special keepsake from a thoughtful aunt and uncle.

The kind acts and good deeds of others is what you remember long after their presenece is gone.

Time stops for no one. Sooner or later we will all pass this way to our eternal home.

If there is one meaningful message to take with us, from each good bye, it is perhaps simply this: If you live your life rich in purpose and filled with kindness it will be worth remembering.

A kind and gencrous woman, Mary Keffer lived a life worth remembering.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.  
(Aesop.)

Kathy's web site [www.kathywhirity.com](http://www.kathywhirity.com)



### Helping the Rotary help many

Century Jr. High student Allison Zuchlke hands an Easter Basket to Debi Ross of the Orland Park Rotary. Century students in the Early Act Club partner with the Rotary on community service projects throughout the year, including the Easter Basket project, which will provide candy, toys and other gifts to low-income families. Center School student

Carlee Dulfer gets some last minute adjustments to her Betsy Ross costume from her mother before joining her classmates in a Biography Bazaar. For the fourth consecutive year, each second grade student in Mrs. Joyce Staniszewski's class took on the role of a notable American and created a poster and diorama to show the accomplishments of their character for parents and guests.

### National Consolidation Service dresses down for Park Lawn

A total of \$650 was presented to Park Lawn, a non profit organization, because Kathy Larney and Sandra Rosas of National Consolidation Services collected \$1 from co-workers over the past several months allowing them to dress down in jeans for the day.

NCS employees wanted to do something to benefit the community and decided to hold casuals days.

"It's something that is enjoyable for the employees and builds a stronger connection with the community," said Larney, customer service representative for NCS.

Naney Schmitz and Kristen Wells of Park Lawn were or hand to accept the check from Manager Steve Van Lear.

"These proceeds will help support programs that assist individuals with dis-

abilities achieve goals and lead productive lives," said Assistant Director of Development, Nancy Schmitz.

After the prescntation, the group took a tour of the NCS facility to view operations and explore the potential for job opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.

NCS is a subsidiary of ORBIS Corporation. It designs and manages freight consolidation services and container asset management services to leading manufacturers.

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## St. Patricia School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students raise money for homeless shelter

St. Patricia School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students collected over \$300 through a bake sale after masses and presented Sister Therese Del Genis - founder of the Marquette PK Pads homeless shelter.

Pictured is Sister Del Genis visiting with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are Sami Abed, Gerardo Arriaga, Bradley Bernal, Eric Culin, Kevin Curtis, Mary Daly, Michael Declene, Christopher Delorme, Claire Finn, David Gallik, Corin Garcia, Jonathan Gesiorski, Kristina Grewe, Cillian Hannon, Fiona Hehir, Michelle Ivancic, Gina Jacoby, Margaret Kelleher, Austin Kelly, James Kikilas, Jason Labine, Thomas Matonis, Cortney McInerney, Casey Obrochta, David Relstab, Nicholas Relstab, Aimee Shrdeder, Gabrielle Scialo, Jacob Stypula, Dylan Tremmel, Larissa Trupes, April Ulloa, Nicole Vlasic, Kevin Wallace, Michael Walsh, Brooke Wyderski, Bianca Zauala.

## South-Southwest Suburban United Way highlights fourth Community Conversation

As the campaign year draws to an end so does the series of community conversations held in the South & Southwest suburban region by United Way. The Wednesday morning of February 28<sup>th</sup> at South Suburban College was encouraging for the people living in this region. Over 30 community leaders joined to discuss topics of concern for people in the area. The information collected at the community conversations

will be used to determine the needs in the area. The needs will be addressed by the partner agencies of the S-SW United Way.

"This important event sparked critical dialogue about health & human service needs and programs that can achieve positive lasting impact on lives for South & Southwest Suburban residents," said Lisa Bly, Chief Professional Officer of South-Southwest Suburban United Way.

South-Southwest Suburban United Way is your community partner bringing 55 communities in the region together to accomplish things that none of us can achieve alone. United Way's mission is to invest in programs that:

## ABT's Romeo is awesome

By Marijo Doody

Recently the visiting American Ballet Theatre presented the second production "Romeo and Juliet" ballet. Chicago's Joffrey Ballet presented the work in their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration a year ago. Both choreographers are British, Kenneth Mac Millan (ABT) and John Cranko (JB) and the full-length ballet is scored with the beauty and timbre of Prokofiev's music with live musicians. A musical friend commented what music was used as it was not noted.

ABT's production was a masterpiece from the start. The village scenes, splendid fight choreography, willowy dancing and the romance told in the body language of the dance were all present. This is dance theatre at its best. No words are needed!

The story everyone knows with the two rival families. When the lovers meet they dance as one in the dancing in the balcony scene and when they awake together after their secret marriage. The public and private world of Verona is lavish with sets and costuming by Nicholas Georgiadis and one feels in the 12<sup>th</sup> century time.

The chemistry between Romeo and Juliet that we saw opening night was a grand experiment and danced by Angel Corolla and Julie Kent and they were spectacular. Julie with her earthy lightness and passionate acting and Angel with brilliant technique, ardor and fire lit up the stage.

The male dancers were athletic and danced with rage. The sword fights could have been in a movie. The saucy harlots were colorful and fitted their parts. We'd welcome ABT back anytime in Chicago.

## MOUNT ZION HOLDS ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Women will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 26, at the church, 10400 S. Kostner, Oak Lawn. Sale items include clothing, household goods, games, toys,

etc. There will also be a bake sale and refreshments. On Thursday, there will be a \$3.00 per bag special. Ample parking is available.

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## New Tort Law Figures

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 27, 2007 - The National Association of Manufacturers said the new Pacific Research Institute (PRI) tort cost study released today by the America Justice Partnership (AJP) exposes America's runaway legal system and its impact on businesses and workers. "For years manufacturers have pointed to the burden of a culture obsessed with lawsuits and overly reliant on trial lawyers," said the NAM's President John Engler. "This study represents the most ominous figures to date on the adverse economic impact of our runaway tort system."

The authors of Jackpot Justice: The True Cost of America's Tort System reveal an out-of-control legal system totaling \$865 billion annually in direct and indirect costs to the U.S. economy. Broken down by household, this figure represents a yearly "tort tax" of \$9,827 for a family of four. Engler said. "To put this in perspective, the average American household pays more annually in 'tort taxes' than in federal income taxes."

According to the study, the \$865 billion spent on tort

costs each year represents 2.2 percent of our GDP, compared to 0.9 percent from other advanced economies. In the private sector, this is over \$367 billion per year in lost product sales for America companies because spending on litigation curtails investment in research and development.

This study is further validation for the NAM's 2006 study, *The Escalating Cost Crisis*, which examined a range of structural cost pressures and showed that tort costs make up nearly twelve percent of the 31.7 percent nonproduction cost burden under which manufacturers operate. "If our study was an alarm bell waking lawmakers to the unbalanced playing field for American manufacturers competing globally, today's tort figures should sound more like the fire bell in the night," he said. "These figures reveal a system that is putting us at a serious competitive disadvantage in the global environment."

PRI's study, *Jackpot Justice: The True Cost of America's Tort System*, is available at: [www.americanjusticepartnership.org](http://www.americanjusticepartnership.org)

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## The Black Ensemble Theater Company presents Memphis Soul

Jackie Taylor's renowned Black Ensemble Theater Company (BETC) will present the World Premiere of Memphis Soul (The Story of Stax Records), written by David Barr III and produced and directed by Ms. Taylor. Performances at the Black Ensemble Theater, 4520 N. Beacon Street, began March 17, with an official opening Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m.

Memphis Soul will pay tribute to the great music of the Stax era featuring the label's biggest hits, such as "Hold On I'm Coming" (by Sam and Dave), "Gee Wiz" (Carla Thomas), "It's Cheaper to Keep Her" (Johnnie Taylor), "Shaft" (Isaac Hayes), "I'll Take You There" (the Staple Singers), and "Soul Finger" (The Bar-Kays), just to name a few. This exciting, energetic, dance filled production will also pay tribute to the music of the legendary Otis Redding.

Stax Records holds a critical place in American music history as one of the most popular soul music record labels of all time — second only to Motown in sales and influence, but first in gritty, raw, Southern-steeped soul music.

Barr's storyline takes us back to 1980 and a fictitious 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stax Concert. The fictional Pop's Place, a restaurant across the street from the legendary Stax Records, serves as the backdrop to deliver more of the Stax soulful sounds. Cast members include Rick Stone and Nikkiel Dmone as the narrators, and Cynthia Carter and Aisha McIntosh as members of the Pop's Place family. Other vocalists giving Stax Record their special treatment include Toi Overton, Megellan Watts, Dwayne Lonzo, Lawrence Thompson and Levi Stewart, while the Stax Dance Revue consists of Carrie, Cory Cantrell, Jon

## New York Producers choose local casting

by Marijo Doody

"Bingo" a new musical recently opened for a run at Apollo Theatre. Show producers, Russ Tilaro and Carole Davis of New York, indicated the wealth of talent in the Chicago area led us to use local casting. "Bingo" was delightful with snappy songs, top rated singing, funny lines that had the audience rolling with laughter. Members in the audience even won at bingo!

Cheryl Avery (Vern) was born in Evergreen Park at LCM and her father still lives here in EP. She is an equity actor who has played at Lincoln-shire and earned an After Dark Award for her work with Apple tree Theatre. She and family live locally.

Rene Mathews (Minnie) a veteran actor in the Chicago stage returned to Apollo Theatre in this Bingo hall matrix roll. She was fantastic! She recently played at Theatre at the center, Drury Lane Oakbrook and Water Tower. Rene has received Jeff and After Dark Awards.

Grammy nominated songwriters of 'Swing' and the musical director of 'Mama Mia' brought "Bingo" to Chicago. It shares the joys, heartaches and lessons of life of friends from bingo. It is a neat 'girls night out' experience.

The producers indicated there were already contacts in Las Vegas, London, Korea and Japan for the release of "Bingo". Tickets are available at the box office 773-935-6100 and for group tickets call 866-809-3075. It would be a good outing for 'Red Hatters.'

Community Theatre contact Marijo Doody to get your news releases into Village View Publication.  
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## Museum Science and Industry news

The Body Worlds 2: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies closes April 29, 2007.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Extended hours are until 9pm each night.

Coming this summer are

## Paramount Theatre events for April

Junie B. Jones the outspoken precocious stars in the colorful funny fast-paced musical about new friends, sugar cookies and other various first-grade angst-ridden situations.

CSI: The Experience from May 25 to September 3, 2007. It brings to life real investigative techniques used by crime scene investigators and forensic scientists and lets guest play a role in crime scene investigator. The exhibit is not included in the general admission. It requires a specific time and entry ticket. Fees are \$19 adults, \$17.50 seniors and \$14 children 3-11.

The exhibit is geared to 12 and older. Advance sales can be on the web at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

Based on the popular book by Barbara Park the new musical is splendid for Friday, April 20, 2007 at 10 am 12:30 and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$8.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band - 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Revue is Sunday, April 22 at 3pm. It is a magical and timeless showcase. Tickets are \$35.50-\$25.50.

The marvelous play "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is a rainbow ride through biblical Egypt on the wings of Andrew Lloyd Webber. It plays Friday April 27 at 8pm and Saturday April 28, 2007 at 3 and 8pm. Tickets are \$40.50-\$65.50.

The Paramount Theatre is located 23 E Galena Blvd, Aurora. Ticket box office number is 630-896-6666.

## Hats opens at Royal George

Melissa Manchester-Grammy Award-Winning singer, songwriter opens the Chicago premiere of 'Hats' a new musical at the Royal George Theatre Sunday, April 29-Sunday June 10, 2007 Hats is inspired by the Red Hats Society and a

## Porchlight presents Ragtime

Porchlight Music Theatre presents "Ragtime" for its concluding 2006-07 season running through May 27, 2007. Walter Stearns, Artistic Director, directs the production. Rounding out the creative team are Eugene Dizon (Jeff Award music director), Brenda Didier (Jeff Citation winning choreographer) Bill Morey (After Dark winning costume designer and Roy Hine Scenic Designer).

For tickets call the theatre box office at 773-327-5252. Porchlight was founded in 1995

woman 49,999 years old reluctantly faces her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

She meets many remarkable women who show her fun and friendship after 50. The remainder of the cast will be announced soon. "Hats!" premiered in Denver in October 2006 to rave reviews. The media indicated it an affirmative and joyful celebration of later womanhood.

The Red Hats Society is a self proclaimed organization for women over 50 from all walks of life who come together to have fun. There are 40,000 chapters in the United States and 30 countries. Evergreen Park has one.

Show tickets are \$49.50. The show runs Tues, Thurs and Fri at 7:30pm, Wed and Sat at 2 and 7:30pm, and Sun at 3pm. The Box Office is 312-988-9000. Royal George is located 1641 N Halsted. For more information on the show visit the web at [www.hatsthemusical.com](http://www.hatsthemusical.com).

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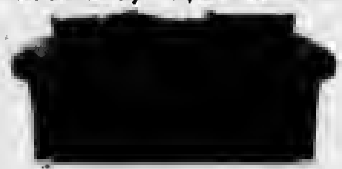
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## St Laurence Alumni Memorial Mass planned

The St Laurence High school (Burbank) and the Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual Memorial Mass of remembrance, honoring deceased alumni of the school on Saturday, April

14 at 4:30pm in the school library. Father Norm Trela, school chaplain will celebrate.

Awreath-laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Refreshments will be available after. Call Ed Kozak in the Office of Alumni Relations at 708-458-6900 ex 244 for more information.

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### Obituary

**Donna M. Howard**, age 39, of Manteno, IL passed away at 5:30 a.m., Sat., March 24, 2007 at Provena St. Mary Hospital, Kankakee, IL. Howard was born in Chicago, IL on May 10, 1967, she was the daughter of the late Gemma (Pocius) and John Juska who survives her of Manteno. She leaves behind her dear sister Mary (Mark) Boswel, John (Christy) Juska. She worked as a Deputy Clerk at the County Government. Funeral service held at Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Thurs. March 29th with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery.

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## Officials are unhappy about the purchase of 12.5 acres by Moraine

Moraine Valley community college used a portion of a \$89 million dollar bond issue referendum. Which voters approved at the last election to be used for the college- \$5.2 million dollars of this amount has been used to purchase - 12.5 acres of land at 179th Street and 94th Avenue in Tinley Park.

With the expectation of developing the parcel into a satellite campus to accommodate students in the Tinley Park, Orland Park, Orland Hills and Oak Forest communities. The development is slated to be similar to that of the Blue Island satellite campus. The three story Blue Island building hasn't generated the activity that the college was expecting, according to one college official.

Village officials however are not as enthusiastic about the development of the property. Due to a college being tax-exempt which in turn generates no real estate taxes. The village has been striving to preserve this property for commercial purposes in order to broaden the village's tax base.

The Tinley Park satellite construction, is slated to be a 15,700-square foot center. And would include 10 classrooms, a science lab, two computer labs, and a multi purpose room, a student service area and a parking lot.

## Orland Park fumes over smoking ban

by Matt Mayer

Business owners attended the March 19, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. To protest the smoking ban, which was passed on March 14 saying it is costing them most business revenue. On March 15 a group of more than a dozen met at Sam Maguire's to discuss the smoking ban.

The co-owner of Coaches Corner, said that bar owner wouldn't complain if alternatives offering smoking were not so close. That may just occur, the state senate on March 19, approved a state wide smoking ban by a vote of 34-23. And now the bill will go to the house where it is expected to pass. If the governor signs the bill into law. It would create a level playing field. The bill however will not go into effect until January 2008 and will apply to most businesses.

With the exceptions being Tobacco stores, private rooms in nursing homes. Hotels and motels would be allowed to have 25-percent of their rooms designated as smoking. Smoking would also be prohibited within 15 feet of a business entrance way. Violating the smoking ban may result in a fine of \$100 to \$250. And businesses that also violate the ban could face a fine of \$250 per day.

Municipalities, which hadn't had a smoking ban ordinance in place by March 15, 2007, would have had to adopt the Cook County smoking ban, which County Commissioners unanimously passed on March 15, 2006. Effective March 15, 2007. The county ban includes all public buildings, restaurants, bars, sports venues, and within 15 feet of any entranceway to enclosed areas. If the statewide ban is approved the city of Chicago smoking ban effective date, would be shortened by 8 months.



Indian" Charles Middleton explains the story of the Cub Scout to the Tiger Cubs and other first year scouts who earned their Bobcat and Tiger Cub patches.

Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 recently held its annual Blue and Gold Dinner at Century Junior High School in Orland Park. This annual event is held to celebrate the birthday of the Boy Scout Program and to graduate Cub Scouts onto Boy Scouts.

## Tinley Junction at the Tinley Park District

Tinley Junction - the Tinley Park-Park District's miniature golf, batting cages, and concession facility - will open for the season on Friday, May 4 at 4:00 pm. Part of opening day festivities is Parent Child Twilight Golf from 8:00 - 9:00 pm featuring mini-golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls for only \$3.25 per person. Cookies and soda will also be served to all participants. Registration is not necessary, just show up for the fun!

Tinley Junction features a Garden Model Railroad running within the course, along with challenging obstacles throughout the 18-hole design. Tinley Junction also offers five professional-batting

cages with slow, medium and fast pitch hard ball, and slow and fast pitch softball. Fifteen pitches are just seventy-five cents.

Tinley Junction is located at 16801 S. 80th Avenue in Tinley Park. Spring hours are from 4:00 - 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, 4:00 - 10:00 pm on Friday, 10:00 am - 10:00 pm on Saturday, and 10:00 am - 9:00 pm on Sunday. Beginning June 4, Tinley Junction will open daily at 10:00 am.

For more information contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

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## New Hours at Tinley Fitness

In response to member requests, Tinley Fitness recently changed its hours of operation. The full-service health club now opens at 5:30 am Monday - Friday, and at 7:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. "Several of our members really enjoy getting here early, finishing their work-outs and getting to the train or office at an early hour," commented Laura Petritis, Tinley Fitness Manager.

Tinley Fitness recently installed 18 new pieces of Precor equipment including treadmills, ellipticals and bikes. Additional amenities at Tinley Fitness include a variety of cardio equipment (18 pieces with Cardio Theater), free weights and strength training equipment, a three-lane 25-yard lap pool, group exercise classes including yoga, Pilates, aqua aerobics

## Oak Forest approves controversial town house development

by Matt Mayer

City officials at the March 27, Oak Forest City Council meeting unanimously approved a final plan and special use for Double D Builders. For a controversial townhouse development. In a rural area of Oak Forest, where single family home have sprawling yards. Although the planning and zoning commission had voted twice against the project, there was no discussion by city aldermen prior to the vote. The slated development is to construct Forest Creek Crossing along 153rd Street Between Kenton and Kilbourn Avenues.

Although there was no discussion prior to the vote. Some aldermen praised the development with comments such as. Double D is slated to pay \$500,000 for infrastructure developments, which is a plus for the city and their changing an area that needs to be changed. However residents are quite as positive about the development. Since Double D presented the idea to the city two years ago. Residents have spoken against the project sighting traffic and flooding conditions. Residents wanted single-family homes, which they say would better suite the area and the wildlife. Their protests created dozens of spray-painted "No Townhouse" signs on front lawns, and tree stumps from homes across the street, which will abut the development.

The projected cost of a town house unit is expected to start at \$250,000 and increase depending on a unit being a two or three bedroom. And will also increase further if buyers chose from a range of various options. The townhouse units are slated to be between 16,000 and 18,000 square feet and will include an attached two car attached garage. Mayor JoAnn Kelly rejected a request for another public hearing from one resident whose house backs up against the townhouse project.

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## Homer Glen Holistic chapter host meeting

The Chicago Southwest Suburbs chapter of Holistic Moms is hosting guest speaker Kathleen Wellmen, Massage Therapist, Yoga Instructor who will be discussing Taking Care of Ourselves as Parents through Yoga, Meditation and Relaxation Therapy. We will be meeting at the Homer Glen Town Hall at 16057 Cedar Road in Homer Glen on April 11th at 7:00pm. Contact Karen at 708-860-7813 or email bethbustos@comcast.net.

and many more, all included in the membership fee. Free racquetball is also included with the membership fee. Child care is available Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, and Monday-Thursday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The cost is just \$5 per child for an entire month.

Tinley Fitness is located at 17500 Duval Drive in Tinley Park. Individuals who would like to visit Tinley Fitness may download a coupon for a free workout from the park district web site at [www.tinleyparkdistrict.org](http://www.tinleyparkdistrict.org).



## Coming events Center for Performing Arts

At the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts the following events are planned: The National Broadway Touring Company of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will play for two performances on Sunday, April 29 at 1 and 5pm. Dallett Norris directs the production.

There is a 26- person

cast. Tickets are \$55-\$67 adults, \$45-\$57 children 16 and under.

In time for Mother's Day is comedy queen, Lily Tomlin on Friday, May 11 at 8pm in a show recommended for mature adults. There is a pre-show Italian dinner buffet at 6pm catered by Matteson's Scalzitti's Trattoria & bar. Tickets are \$25.

Reservations are required. Menu is subject to change. Show tickets are \$56-\$65 adults. Half price tickets are available from 6-7pm before performance. Seniors are eligible for a 10% ticket discount. For tickets call the center box office at 708-235-2222.

The Center is located One University Parkway in University Park. Parking is free.

## Village of Orland Park to host lucky Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. And Mrs. Easter Bunny To Arrive Via Orland Fire District Vehicle

Orland Park, Illinois - The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department will host its annual Lucky Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Centennial Park, 15600 West (100th) Avenue. Orland Park's hunt is free and open to children ages one to ten.

Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny, who will arrive at Centennial Park via a vehicle provided by the Orland Fire Protection District, will lead the count down to the Lucky Easter Egg Hunt. Children are invited to remain after the hunt to have their pictures taken with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny.

Children should bring their own bags or buckets to collect the plastic eggs. Participants will be divided according to age and assigned to specific ballfields for their hunts. Those who find lucky numbered eggs should bring them to the announcer's booth for a special prize.

Orland Park's hunt is cosponsored by the Orland Fire Protection District, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #13, Central Credit Union of Illinois, Volkswagen of Illinois and Health From Within Chiropractic. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

## DON'T WAIT IN LINE FOR IN-LINE SKATING

Free Lessons Offered on "Skate for Health Day"

On Saturday, May 12th, Carl Michael Rossi in Chicago will join Rollerblade(R) and 17 other skating schools across the country in celebrating national Skate for Health Day with certified skating instructors offering free lessons to children, teens, adults and seniors to promote the health benefits of in-line skating. In addition, free equipment will be provided by the instructors for use during the lesson. Rollerblade's mission is to inspire both the young and young at heart to stay in shape with in-line skating, which is fun, healthy and a low-impact sport.

This is particularly important because 64% of the adult

## Tinley Park Library news

The Tinley Park Public Library will host a ragtime piano concert by Sue Keller on Sunday, April 1 at 2pm. Keller returns to the library to the delight of all with her beautiful and peppy music.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library will host a "Still Life Portrait" art class on Tuesday, April 10 from 7-8:30pm. Artist, Liz Popp will show teens in grades 6-12 how to make a still life portrait of an object. Participants should bring an object with them to draw. Call to register at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library will host a small Tot Storytime for children ages 6-24

months on Saturday, April 14 from 10-10:20am. If you have a little one drop-in and give it a try.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library will host a celebration of all the library has to offer on Sunday, April 15 from 2-2:45pm Children age 2 and up can enjoy free stories, cake and ice cream.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library are looking for volunteers to help out Summer Reading program. Teens must be completing grades 6-12 and be residents of Tinley Park or Orland Park.

Applications are available on April 16 and returned by May 15. Volunteers need to commit to a two-to-four-hour session once a week from June 4 to July 25. Call Miss Lowe at Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library. The Library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

## 8TH ANNUAL HOME RUN DERBY

The Tinley Park-Park District will present its 8th Annual Home Run Derby on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at McCarthy Park, 16801 S. 80th Avenue. Boys age 7-14 can showcase their hitting skills from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Girls age 7-14 can compete from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. All participants will be grouped into four flights by age, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded in each category. This is a FREE event, but a parent or guardian must sign a waiver on the day of the event at McCarthy Park. Ed & Joe's Restaurant & Pizzeria is the proud sponsor of the Home

Run Derby. Please call the Park District for additional information at 708/342-4200.

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population is overweight and 31% of those are obese. Moreover, according to the Center for Disease Control, the number of obese children ages 6-19 has tripled in proportion since 1980. "In-line skating burns just as many calories as running or cycling with half the shock impact on your joints," states Nick Skally, Marketing Manager for Rollerblade. "As an avid in-line skater, I'm always surprised at how many people don't realize what a great workout the sport is.

It's a better cardiovascular workout than using a stair-stepping machine," he adds. To sign up for a free skate lesson, visit [www.fre skatelesson.com](http://www.fre skatelesson.com)

The worldwide headquarters of Rollerblade is in Trevignano (TV), Italy. Rollerblade is the founder and leader of the in-line skate industry, with over 250 patented innovations, serving as the premier manufacturer of in-line skates, related accessories and protective gear. For more information visit [www.rollerblade.com](http://www.rollerblade.com) or call (800)232-ROLL.

## Early election sites in the area

The following sites have been designated by David Orr, Cook County Clerk that are early voting locations for the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election between March 26 and April 12, 2007.

Site	Address
City	Phone No.
Chicago Heights CH	1601 Chicago Rd.
Chicago Heights	708-756-5300
Harvey CH	15320 Broadway Ave
Harvey	708-210-5300
Markham CH	16501 Kedzie Rm 238
Markham	708-210-4150
Oak Forest CH	15440 S Central Ave
Oak Forest	708-687-4050
Orland Park VH	14700 Ravinia Ave
Orland Park	708-403-6100
South Holland VH	16226 Wausau
South Holland	708-210-2900

Early voting will be conducted at all sites Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm and on Saturday from 9am to Noon.

## The Pit Stop Senior Drop-In Center at the Tinley Park-Park District is looking for new members

The Pit Stop offers opportunities for meeting new people, enjoying arts and crafts projects, seminars, holiday parties, Bridge, cards and much more! The Pit Stop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm and is located inside the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. Membership for district residents is just \$10 per year, and \$15 per year for non-residents. The club is open to adults age 60 and over. For more information, contact the Park District at 708/342-4200 or "drop-in" and see what we have to offer.

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## Village of Orland Park Joins Clean Air Counts

The Village of Orland Park has signed onto "Clean Air Counts," a northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, thereby improving air quality and enabling economic development.

It is a voluntary, public-private effort that has members in the six-county greater Chicago region and is a collaborative effort between the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, City of Chicago, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

"We are excited to be a part of this important initiative," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin, "Clean Air Counts will provide the Village with a number of ways in which we can reduce air pollution and improve energy efficiency."

Orland Park joins individuals, businesses, and over 30 municipalities that have partnered in this effort.

As a member of this initiative, Orland Park will promote ways to improve air quality through publishing articles on ways to save energy at home, making information available on the village website, distributing brochures, and other efforts.



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## Chicago Ridge creates TIF district

by Matt Mayer

Following a public hearing on March 7, Village officials at the March 20, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting- unanimously approved a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district.

A TIF district uses revenues to finance improvements within the district, and is also exempt from local taxing bodies such as schools and libraries. A TIF also offers incentives to developers. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years. A Planning and zoning committee meeting also was held, regarding the rezoning from industrial to multifamily residential.

The slated TIF district dubbed the Ridgeland Avenue Redevelopment, is slated to be constructed were the Tibor Machine Products co resides - on Birmingham Avenue bounded by Oxford and Ridgeland Avenues. The development will abut the railroad tracks and consist of 19.2 acres of property. Representatives from Kane McKenna who performed the TIF eligibility study - project that 57 town homes will be built within the next two years.

Village officials are optimistic that the TIF will attract retail developers and town home buyers. Due to the close proximity to the Westfield Mall and the Metra station. This will be a mix use development.

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## Drury Lane Oakbrook shows mystery satire

By Marijo Doody

Did you know Agatha Christie's mysteries and spoofs are an entertaining musical? Well Drury Lane, Oakbrook has the musical production "Something's afoot" currently running until May 20, 2007. The people are all British characters and summoned to an isolated island estate in the Lake District of England of the late Lord Dudley Rancolour.

A storm knocks out transportation and communication. The play is a race against the clock to see who committed the crime. "Something's Afoot" is totally suspenseful and ridiculously funny. At the reception, we met the choreographer, Stacey Flaster, who made her choreographic debut at DLO in the production.

Stacey has choreographed a number of shows at Theatre at the Center (TaC). She indicated she did the dance work after the birth of her child. She has performed at the Marriott, DLO and TaC.

We met set designer, Bill Bartlett, who returned to DLO. He designed last season's 'Pirates of Penzance.' His vision has been seen in numerous theatrical, TV, film and musical productions including Chicago Opera Theater, Victory Gardens, Jerry Springer Show, and PBS's 'Legends of Jazz'. He is also an accomplished painter.

"Something's Afoot" tickets run \$25-\$50 depending on day of the week. Call 630-530-0111.

## Lipinski Introduces Common Sense Legislation to Save Energy and Taxpayer Dollars

BRIGHT Energy Savings Act Would Install Energy Efficient Light Bulbs In All Federal Buildings

[ WASHINGTON , DC ] Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski introduced H.R. 1705, The Bulb Replacement in Government with High-efficiency Technology (BRIGHT) Energy Savings Act. Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, the legislation would direct the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to replace commonly used low efficiency light bulbs with high efficiency bulbs whenever a new bulb is installed in a GSA-owned office building.

Lipinski introduced the bipartisan legislation with Rep. Bob Inglis (R-SC) and was joined by over 35 other members of the House as original cosponsors of the legislation.

Lipinski is a member of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, which has jurisdiction of the GSA.

"Americans are rightly concerned about the impact of foreign energy dependence on our national security and the effect of global climate change on the future of our planet," said Lipinski.

"The BRIGHT Energy Savings will help us address both

of these issues by cutting down significantly on energy use by the federal government, and at the same time it will save millions of taxpayer dollars. It's a win for the environment, a win for national security, and a win for American taxpayers."

The GSA is the federal agency which owns and administers office space for civilian federal agencies.

The federal government owns approximately 1,800 facilities with about 174 million square feet of space. At least 3 million lights throughout the Federal government could be upgraded to high efficiency bulbs.

One type of high efficiency bulb that could be used is the Energy Star-certified Compact Fluorescent Light bulb, also known as a CFL. CFLs use approximately 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light and they last approximately 8-10 times longer. Replacing an ordinary bulb with a comparable CFL saves up to \$74 in energy costs over the bulb's lifetime.

Even higher efficiency light bulbs are close to commercial application including improved halogen technologies as well as new light-emitting diode (LED) technologies.

"With CFLs already in the marketplace and other high efficiency bulb technologies right around the corner, the future really is now," explained Lipinski. "Much of this new technology represents American ingenuity and innovation."

The BRIGHT Energy Savings Act will mean reduced energy consumption, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and saved taxpayer dollars.

It's a common sense, practical measure that is simply the right thing to do."

## Abandoned newborn healthy and adoptable

On Monday March 19, 2007 at approximately 9:49 p.m. a infant was left at the Worth Fire Station 7112 West 111<sup>th</sup> street, Worth Illinois 60482. This was done in accordance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. This act allows a parent who arrives at the fire station to relinquish a newborn infant to the Emergency Personnel at the fire station. If there is no outward evidence of abuse or neglect of the infant, the parent has the right to remain anonymous and to leave the fire station. The infant must be delivered to the Safe Haven within 72 hours or less of the time of birth.

Firefighter / Paramedic James Allison was finishing his physical fitness training, and was obtaining some things from his personal car located behind the fire station. He had made one trip inside the building, and was returning for a second trip to his car when he heard the sounds of a crying infant. As he continued to approach the rear of the building the sounds grew louder. It was there that he located a baby carrier.

Inside the carrier was a newborn infant wrapped in blankets. FF/PM Allison immediately performed an initial assessment of the infant, and determined that the infant appeared to be in good health. Emergency Medical personnel transported the infant to Palos Hospital. The hospital performed an assessment of the child and determined that the infant child was in good health and was approximately one day old. The hospital in honor of the outstanding work performed by FF/ PM James Allison has temporarily named the baby James Doe. The hospital is in the process of contacting the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and placing the infant for adoption

## Palos Township professionals earn plaques

Palos Township Clerk Jane Nolan and supervisor Colleen Schumann received the Educational Plaque at the 2006 Township of Illinois Educational Conference for Professional Development in Public Service.

Thirty-six townships earned a plaque/plate for 70 or more hours of education earned over the last year. This is the first time the Township has ever received this award with 94 hours completed by the Township

Officials.

The next meetings in Palos Township are General Meeting, April 9 at 7pm, Town hall Meeting, April 10 at 7pm, Road District Meeting on April 16 at 7pm and Bill Audit meeting April 30 at 7pm. The Palos Township is located 10802 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills. The number is 708-598-4418.

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Easter Brunch is April 8 from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Grand and Astoria Ballrooms at the Oak Lawn Hilton. There is the popular 'Kiddie Buffet' which offers kid-friendly foods. The Easter Bunny will be here. Cost is \$44 adults, \$20 kids 6-12 and \$12 toddlers 3-5. Reservations are required. Call 708-229-8850.

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### On April 17, 2007

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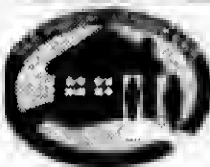
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## Mt Greenwood Garden Club news

The next meeting of the Mt Greenwood Garden Club is April 12, 2007 at the Mt Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago from 6:30-8:45pm. The Garden Club speaker is Ron Karlic and will speak on Japanese Gardens with highlighting his article published in the Journal of Japanese Gardening.

His garden is a work in progress and his presentation will take one through that process with video and stills that show wild life and how quickly a garden fills in. The meeting is open to nonmembers. For information call 773-1141

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## Early election sites in the area

The following sites have been designated by David Orr, Cook County Clerk that are early voting locations for the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election between March 26 and April 12, 2007.

Site	Address	City
Alsip VH	4500 W 123 <sup>rd</sup> St.	
Alsip	708-385-6902	
Bridgeview Courthouse	10220 S 76 <sup>th</sup> Ave Rm 238	
Bridgeview	708-974-6150	
Chicago Heights CH	1601 Chicago Rd.	
Chicago Heights	708-756-5300	
Harvey CH	15320 Broadway Ave	
Harvey	708-210-5300	
Markham CH	16501 Kedzie Rm 238	
Markham	708-210-4150	
Oak Forest CH	15440 S Central Ave	
Oak Forest	708-687-4050	
Oak Lawn VH	9446 S Raymond Ave	
Oak Lawn	708-636-4400	
Orland Park VH	14700 Ravinia Ave	
Orland Park	708-403-6100	
Palos Heights VH	7607 W College Dr.	
Palos Heights	708-381-1800	
South Holland VH	16226 Wausau	
South Holland	708-210-2900	

Early voting will be conducted at all sites Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm and on Saturday from 9am to Noon.

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman: John Szeszycki
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman: Deborah Ferrero
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman: Joseph Stachnik

**I need your vote on April 17<sup>th</sup> -- Dan Schramm**

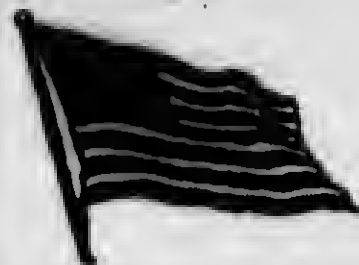


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April 17, 2007

## Villages amend Oak Lawn water agreement

by Matt Mayer

Tinley Park, Mokena, Orland Park and New Lenox and entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2006 to share the costs of upgrading the Oak Lawn Harker water Pumping station. As well as increasing the capacity of the Country Club Hills Pumping Station and adding a booster station in Oak Forest at 163rd and Central Avenue.

Mokena trustees recently approved an amended intergovernmental agreement to pay \$540,000 for the upgrading of the Harker pumping station and the added booster station. Mokena originally agreed to pay \$400,000 of the estimated \$4 million cost. The \$540,000 is based on actual construction bidding costs of \$5.4

million. Mokena had agreed to share about 10-percent of the estimated \$4 million cost that officials had estimated. The percentage remains the same, reflective of the construction bidding costs.

The village board agreed to use the interest received from a \$750,000 escrow account, which is reserved for this purpose, officials are certain that when the Oak Lawn 30-year bond expires, the village will recoup the entire \$750,000. Tinley park and Orland Park are also planning to discuss amending the agreement within the next month. All four communities must agree to the agreement.

The other five villages receiving water from the Oak Lawn transmission line are Oak Forest, Country Club Hills, Orland Hills, Olympia fields, and Matteson. If these municipalities decided to enter into the agreement at a latter date. They then would need to reimburse the communities currently sharing the cost.

## Winners of the Hickory Hills Park District spring coloring contest

The Hickory Hills Park District is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Spring Coloring Contest. All entries were creative works of art and participants should be proud of their submissions. The winners for 2007 are: Alec Jenkins, 5 years old who attends preschool at the Hickory Hills Park District

Alyssa Conoboy, 6 years old who attends Kindergarten at Dorn Primary Center

Annie Carroll, 6 years old, 1st Grader at Dorn Primary Center

Kaiti Mueller, 8 years old, 2nd Grader at St. Patricia

### School

Patricia Corasis, 9 years old, 3rd Grader at Glen Oaks

Elizabeth Poynton, 9 years old, 4th Grader at Glen Oaks

Congratulations to all of our entries who participated in the Hickory Hills Park District Spring Coloring Contest.

Jelly Belly Guessing Contest Winner

Congratulations to 11 year old Gessica Grisko who won Krueger Park's jar with a guess of 850, actual amount was 863 and 7 year old Morgan Campbell who won the Cynthia Neal Center's jar with a guess of 908, actual amount was 917. Guess could not go over the actual number.

Congratulations to all of our entries who participated in the Hickory Hills Park District Spring Jelly Belly Guessing Contest.



## Group of Student-athletes spend their spring break helping the community with habitat for humanity

While most high school students spend spring break sleeping late and hanging out with friends, this was not the case for eight members of the Oak Lawn Community High School boys track team. This past weekend, these young men decided to give back to their community by joining forces with Habitat for Humanity. The south suburban chapter of this organization is currently building a charity house at 197 East 16th Street in Chicago Heights. Before its foundation can be poured, a number of key structural components must be put in place. On Saturday (4/7/07), members of the boys track team contributed to this process by installing drain lines and prepping the site for the installation of water lines. Both the students, as well as representatives from Habitat for Humanity, we're pleased with the progress that was made that day. Not only did these athletes learn a trade, but they also gained a newfound appreciation for the need that exists in our community and elsewhere. The participating members of the track team included Senior Craig Maher, Senior Juan Zapata, Junior Michael Zero, Sophomore Matt Deplaris, Sophomore Pat Weisgerber, Freshman Andy Weisgerber, Freshman Ali Odeh, and Freshman Rob Gertos.

To get more information about Habitat for Humanity (Chicago South Suburbs) please contact Executive Director David Tracy at (708) 756-2015 or at dtracy13@sbcglobal.net. Their website is www.hfhchgosouth.org. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Moraine Valley to host observatory open viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will continue hosting its series of telescope open viewing nights in 2007. Remaining dates and times for this season's open viewings include the following Fridays:

\* April 20 at 8 p.m.

\* May 25 at 8:30 p.m.

\* June 22 at 9:15 p.m.

\* July 20 at 9 p.m.

\* August 17 at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart in the office of College and Community Relations at (708) 974-5742, e-mail reihart@morainevalley.edu

## Smile your on red light camera

by Matt Mayer

Village officials at the April 3, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. Approved an ordinance for red light cameras to be installed at various intersections in the village. The agreement is with Redflex Traffic Systems Inc headquarter in Scottsdale Arizona. The cameras provide high resolution imaging with 3, 6, and 12 million pixel options. For clear license plate zooms without pixilation, and easily identifiable drivers face images

An ordinance variance was approved for two homes to be built on 37.5-foot lots rather than the required 40-foot lots. At 9417 S. Trumbull Avenue. As well as a resolution allowing the village to procure help from surrounding communities, in order to assist in disaster relief. A police department request to hire a summer intern as part of the college student internship program was also approved. As well as a resolution for the 39th annual Fourth of July parade, which will be held on July 3.

## Employment Health Fair 6<sup>th</sup> Police District

An employment and health fair is to be held on Friday, April 27, 2007 presented by CAPS, 006th District police and DAC/Beat Facilitators Network from 10am to 2pm. The event is held at 006th District police Station located at 7808 S Halsted in Chicago.

There are on-site interviews. Come in your best wear. Free health screening for everyone. Seniors! Free raffle for Jewel Gift Cards. Show your Medicare card and Medicaid card to enter the raffle. We will raffle 10 gift cards for seniors, disabled persons who show their cards at the Medicare table. For more information, call Theresa Hubbard 773-454-8039.



## McDonnell to address Ruth Circle of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

Kathleen McDonnell, Chief Deputy Clerk of District 5, Bridgeview for the office of Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of

Cook County, spoke before the Ruth Circle of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Monday, April 16 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn.

Jean Flager, President, announced that McDonnell explained the workings of the Clerk's office and services available to Cook County residents. Kathy has been employed with the Clerk's Office since 1993 and is very involved with the office's Irish Advisory Committee

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## White says 2 million Illinois students benefit from grants to school libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded Fiscal Year 2007 school libraries per capita grants totaling almost \$1.4 million to 726 public school districts to help provide library service.

The grant funds must be used to support the services of the district's school library media program. Grants are available to tax supported public school districts that are members of one of Illinois' regional library systems. The minimum award is \$100. White said, "I am pleased this grant program helps our school libraries strong and gives students access to the essential resources they need to be successful."

The following are grant recipients in the area: (Alsip) Alsip Hazelgreen & Oak Lawn District #126, Alwood Heights School District #125; (Blue Island) Cook County School District #130; (Burbank) Burbank School District #111, Reavis High School District #220; (Chicago Ridge) Chicago Ridge School District #127.5; (Ev-

## Lipinski hopeful but cautious about U.S. Postal Service Plans

### To Improve Chicagoland Mail Service

Congressman Dan Lipinski released the following statement today in response to U.S. Postmaster General John Potter's proposal to improve mail service in Chicago. The plan calls for the hiring of new letter carriers along with improvements to mail delivery procedures. Lipinski has convened a number of meetings with local Postal Service officials to address the problems and called on the independent Inspector General for the U.S. Postal Service to conduct an evalua-

tion and audit of the situation and recommend options for improving service. "I am pleased that U.S. Postmaster General John Potter has responded to the continuing mail delivery problems in Chicago. Over the last several months, I have heard complaint after complaint from my constituents concerning very poor mail service. People are waiting weeks for overdue deliveries of essential items such as prescription drugs and checks. I have worked closely with local elected officials, including Ald. Michael Zalewski, Ald. Virginia Rugai, and Ald. James Balcer, and met with local Postal Service officials to advocate for improvements. In response to the continuing issues, last month I sent a letter to Inspector General David Williams calling for a full evaluation of the Chicagoland mail delivery problems. I look forward to reviewing the results of this outside evaluation once it is completed."

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"At the same time, we have all heard past pronouncements and past promises of improvements from local Postal Service officials. I am certainly hopeful that under U.S. Postmaster General John Potter's leadership, and the new leadership of Chicago Post-

master Gloria Tyson, those words will not only mean action but also real results for the millions of Chicagoland residents who are dependent on timely mail delivery. This will be an issue that I will continue to monitor."

"I would also commend Congressman Danny Davis' continued leadership on Postal Service issues in Chicagoland and across the country."

## Bake Me A Wish!

Bakemeawish.com™, a national gourmet gift cake provider, has officially launched Operation Birthday Cake, recently featured on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360. This grassroots charitable campaign to send birthday cakes to U.S. soldiers overseas was borne of a conversation between Josh Kaye, president of

Bakemeawish.com, and a soldier's wife who wanted her husband to experience a true birthday celebration away from home. U.S. soldiers serving overseas don't have the luxury of celebrating their birthday for a variety of reasons. There isn't time, it's not a priority, and they are focused on taking care of others instead of themselves. Kaye began sending birthday cakes to the troops overseas because he wanted them to still have that experience, to still feel remembered and special, despite their difficult circumstances. "The response of heartfelt gratitude from the families who have received cakes has been overwhelming, and it just felt right to keep going in this direction," observed Kaye. "What began as helping one soldier's wife has now transformed into a formal program that is helping more and more soldiers each day. People can now purchase birthday cakes for soldiers, suggest a soldier with an impending birthday, or donate to the program. My goal is for as many U.S. soldiers as possible to receive cakes on their birthdays, regardless of where they are serving." Donations help support the Operation Birthday Cake campaign. A gourmet birthday cake costs approximately \$75.00 to send to a soldier serving overseas. Bakemeawish.com is seeking to recruit program sponsors to help defray. Please visit Bakemeawish.com.

## Questions and Answers regarding malpractice law suits

by Annette Dixon

Editorial: My own personal experiences has made me wonder if I was becoming like many individuals who consider suing as an answer to their hurts, anger and greed.

Many years ago, my father at age 87 1/2 fractured his pelvis and several ribs. While waiting in the emergency room at Christ Hospital for 5 hours, we eventually found out that they would not operate on him, but that they would admit him to the hospital overnight. The next day they schedule him, with my mother and brother's consent, to Manor Care across the street from Christ Hospital.

Of course, I was unhappy about this placement, I thought he was to have rehab at Christ Hospital. Well the worst had happened, within three days, he had no pulse and declared a code blue. The paramedics revived him with the paddles drove him to Christ Hospital emergency again. We waited for a bed, but this time he was admitted to intensive care and we were told he had two weeks to live. In his case where did the problem lie. Was it the fact that in the Nursing Home they were understaffed and he didn't get proper attention, or could it of been the facility didn't follow the DNR order they had in their possession? Or was it that my father was falling out of the wheel chair causing more injury to himself? Yes there are some real questions here. Do we sue, or at age 87 1/2, forget it?

Second member in the family! My husband was in Little Company of Mary Hospital with Pneumonia and was about to be discharged when he had taken a fall. After checking him thoroughly for any injuries, they discovered there could be more medical problems that could have caused the fall. After several days, they found through a spinal tap, he had a disease called Guillain Barre and an acute case of it.

After reading about this disease on the internet, I was confident that he would be alright in time.

After thirty days at Little Company Intensive Care Unit, he still was unable to move. He was quadriplegic and had a ventilator, respirator, trach, feeding tube, etc. He didn't want to talk and could only move his head from side to side. Little Company of Mary was so wonderful and the doctors were marvelous, but I thought he should get more care than he was getting so I had him moved to RML in Hinsdale where he would get the long term care he needed.

Rich, was ready to be transferred to Rehab Institute of Chicago, after two and a half months at RML.

For the next two weeks at RIC, I could tell my husband was no where near getting the rehab we thought he would get, but I had hopes that the disease would disappear as quickly as it had stated on the internet. This disease can last three to six weeks in many cases but up to six months in acute cases.

I was told that Rich wasn't going to make it within the first week of this disease by his primary physician. I still had hopes. At RIC they thought he may have pneumonia, therefore sent him across the street to Northwestern. That is the hospital I wanted him to be in at first. That is the hospital I had all the trouble with.

The only doctor that I can say ever did anything for Richard was a Kidney Specialist who wanted more help for him than he could possibly give. He even fought for some rights for Richard and didn't win.

Without going into any more detail, I personally had five problems that were not addressed to help aid Richard for recovery.

1. They gave him heparin and Rich had varicose vein problems. For 3 1/2 months Rich had leg pumps at other hospitals for circulatory help but Northwestern refused this help.

2. They took him off of Coreg, a heart medication stating that he did not show any heart disease. I think by now most of us heard the commercial about Coreg medication and do not stop this medication by yourself. It could cause a heart attack.

3. Of course since they thought he didn't have heart trouble, they would not put him on the telemetry floor and they also took away him heart monitor.

4. He had stomach pain and complained for two days but after many tests, they

couldn't find any problems and they dismissed that he had heart trouble.

He was diagnosed with heart disease 10 years prior and had one stroke and two heart attacks prior to all of this.

5. When he had the massive heart attack on this floor, without his monitor, and a code blue, they used the paddle to bring him back. They did not have the DNR that followed him from every hospital. But they did have all his records from RIC but not the DNR. This man stayed at this hospital for three weeks but never was asked for a DNR or was I ever asked if we had one or not. After he was left as a vegetable, I was asked what I wanted to do! It was Dr. Jenkins who said he was sorry about what took place. For it was Dr. Jenkins I had the big argument with the day before Rich's massive heart attack.

Now for a Dr.'s remark:

Some physicians are avoiding the obligatory apology to patients for fear it could come back to bite them later. However, nine states are considering "I'm sorry" laws, which would prevent physicians' apologies from being used as admission of guilt in malpractice suits. On the other hand, hospitals oftentimes encourage their doctors to apologize to prevent lawsuits, according to Scott Nichols, health care attorney and Partner at law firm Strasburger & Price. So, what's the safer bet? Nichols can share the advice he gives to hospitals and physicians, and give legal perspective on the possible effects of these pending state laws. Nichols defends and counsels health care providers including representation in medical malpractice defense litigation. He also counsels health care providers regarding improvements in processes and other issues concerning patient care. To speak to Nichols, please contact me at 610-642-8253 ext. 167 or Kristen@GregoryFCA.com

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### Social Security Column

#### WHAT AN ACCOUNTANT MIGHT NOT TELL YOU ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

By John Flynn

Social Security District Manager

There are some important things about Social Security that an accountant might not be telling you. And it's important to know them, because it could mean the difference between a quick, easy move into retirement and a more troublesome transition.

Here are some things you may not know.

Net, not gross. For people who are self employed, we count your net income, not your gross income, when figuring your credits of coverage and the amount of your future Social Security benefits. In 2007, you earn one credit for each \$1,000 of net income you earn, up to four annual credits. Net earnings for Social Security are your gross earnings from your trade or business, minus your allowable business deductions and depreciation. We also use your net income when figuring your benefit amount so a higher net income results in a higher benefit.

Credit where credit is due. If you and your spouse own and operate a business together and expect to share in the profits and losses, you may both be entitled to receive Social Security credits, even if there is no formal partnership agreement. For each of you to receive credit for your share of the business income, you must file separate self-employment returns (Schedule SEs), even if you file a joint income tax return. If you don't file separate Schedule SEs, all the earnings from the business

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Don't forget to report. If you pay a household worker \$1,500 or more in cash wages during 2007, you need to deduct Social Security and Medicare taxes and report the wages once a year when you file your tax return. This includes reporting any cash you pay to cover the cost of the employee's transportation, meals or housing. If you do not report the wages on time, you may have to pay a penalty in addition to the overdue taxes.

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## Village of Orland Park to Host "Fit For Life Family Health Fair"

Free Screenings and More Offered at Sportsplex

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS—The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department will host its sixth annual "Fit for Life Family Health Fair" on Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. Topics will address the fitness needs of the entire family.

The fair will offer free screenings and information on a variety of health issues including antioxidant testing; asthma screening; balance testing; blood pressure screenings and testing; body mass index; dental screening; flexibility testing; foot pressure analysis; free aerobics classes; hearing testing; injury screening; nursing home information; podiatry screening; skin hydration testing; spirometer testing; total cholesterol screenings; and trigger point massages.

Screenings for cholesterol levels require a twelve hour fast and preregistration. Those interested in the cholesterol screening must call 1-800-3ADVOCATE and register with reference number AG12.

"An important part of staying healthy is to be screened for potentially dangerous conditions," ex-

plained Deborah Graham, Fitness Manager for the Village of Orland Park.

Children are invited to try an obstacle course, sample healthy snacks, have their faces painted, jump in the Dino Jump, and receive Kid Care I.D. cards from the Orland Park Police Department.

"This is a great opportunity to show children the benefits of staying healthy," Graham noted.

"A lot of health fairs tend to be geared towards adults — ours is for everyone," Graham said. "Great fitness habits, healthy eating and lifestyle habits should start at a young age. We believe if the family can support each other and help each other to stay healthy, it makes for an easier and fulfilling life," she added.

More than 200 guests attended last year's fair with participants of all ages enjoying the activities. Raffles will be held for many of the great prizes that are being donated.

For more information, contact the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex at 708-645-PLAY.

## Folliard elected to Illinois Coaches Association Hall of Fame

After surpassing 400 career wins last year, Richards High School varsity softball coach Julie Folliard recently won elec-



## Kruse First Graders Honored

Two first graders from Orland Park's Kruse Education Center were recently honored by Illinois PTA District 19 for their entries in the annual Reflections Program. Students from grammar and high schools throughout PTA District 19 were invited to use different media to illustrate the theme, "My Favorite Place."

Shown here are (l to r) Matthew Palubin of Orland Park, Kruse Reflections Chair Jackie Redman, Kruse Principal Carey Radde and Timothy Klotz, also of Orland Park. Competing in the Primary Division, Matt received an honorable mention award for his painting of downtown Chicago while Tim's literature entry, "My Favorite Place Is My Playset," advanced to the state level of competition.

tion to the Illinois Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Folliard, a Richards graduate now coaching the Bulldogs in her 20<sup>th</sup> season, continues to lead students with an unwavering devotion and an understanding of her role in their development.

Should anyone doubt the influence of a coach who sees her role extending beyond the playing field, one need only ask Folliard's former players.

"Julie Folliard isn't just the most amazing and talented softball coach I have ever had, she was a very important mentor in my life throughout high school and college," said Lindsey LaChiana, an accountant studying to pass her CPA exam.

During and after LaChiana's high school playing days, Folliard worked as a mentor and friend.

"Ms. Folliard was there for me through my switch in colleges and when my father was very sick until he passed away. I do not know what I would have done without Ms. Folliard helping me through my father's sickness and also keeping up with softball and my school work. Any girl that gets to play for Julie Folliard should feel extremely lucky because there are not many coaches out there that really know the game of softball as well as her and care about her girls on and off the field," LaChiana said.

Megan Witt, who teaches social studies at Richards, recalled the dual roles that Folliard played and, in doing so, gave perhaps the ultimate compliment to a former coach: She learned to compete and think not just for herself.

"The thing I remember the most about playing for Julie is not wanting to disappoint her. I remember feeling that. And it was not only on the field, but our off the field actions, too. You

could get in trouble with your parents, but you would never want to get in trouble with her. I think she had that influence on a lot of players. She also coaches with a lot of passion. I think it is such a testament that so many of her former players coach or have coached," said Witt, who teaches social studies at Richards.

Lisa Hughes Krueger today works as the sales manager for The Clubhouse, a restaurant in Oak Brook. Like athletics, excelling in sales requires a competitive spirit.

"I feel very fortunate to have been coached by Ms. Folliard. She is a master motivator and role model to the young women she coaches," Hughes Krueger said.

"Very dedicated to the players and parents, Folliard's intensity and passion for the game is contagious. She teaches you to handle success like you handle failure. Folliard constantly challenges the players to meet their potential as an athlete and as a student. I am able to fondly reflect on my days in high school, due in large part to the memories that were created through playing softball for Richards," she said.

Carole Gorecki, who will graduate from Loyola University medical school in June and soon begin her residency, echoed many of the same thoughts as her fellow alumni.

"Julie Folliard has been one of the most influential people in my life, both on and off the field. She has been a mentor to me and has taught me so much about respect, teamwork and dedication," Gorecki said.

"As a coach, one of the first lessons Julie taught us was how to have respect for our coaches, teammates, and opponents. We learned how to give and take constructive criticism. She de-

manded that every member of the team abide by the same standards regardless of their talent level. In addition, she led by example by showing every one of us the same respect she expected us to show for her. We were expected to always support our teammates and only give positive reinforcement, and she was consistent in disciplining anyone who did not follow the rules. It was clear that Coach Folliard put 100% effort into everything she did, and she expected nothing less from us. She told us that 'it was a waste of time to do something, if you don't try your hardest and give it 110 percent,'" Gorecki added.

Like Witt, Hughes Krueger and LaChiana, Gorecki today still feels her coach's influence.

"Coach Folliard has taught me how important it is to enjoy life and get the most you can out of it. I remember when speaking with Julie while in college, she inquired as to whether I had chosen a profession yet and I told her. I was concerned about all the time, money, and work required in pursuing a career as a physician.

"She told me to remember that 'if you do something you love for a living, you will never work a day in your life; and that anything worth having is worth working for.' I remember these words every time I have to make a decision concerning my career choice or when this career choice becomes overly stressful or frustrating, and it comforts me and gives me perspective," Gorecki said.

Adding the time when she played, Folliard now has worn the black and gold Bulldog uniform for nearly a quarter-century — long enough to become a leader who molds high school girls into young women who graduate with the confidence and attitude to find success.



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## Moraine Valley to host observatory open viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will continue hosting its series of telescope open viewing nights in 2007. Remaining dates and times for this season's open viewings include the following Fridays:

- \* April 20 at 8 p.m.
- \* May 25 at 8:30 p.m.
- \* June 22 at 9:15 p.m.
- \* July 20 at 9 p.m.
- \* August 17 at 8:30 p.m.
- \* September 14 at 7 p.m.
- \* October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Viewings will be canceled in the event of inclement weather such as clouds or rain.

The college's next open viewing will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 20, when participants can observe the planets Venus and Saturn, the four-day old crescent moon, open clusters, binary stars, a galaxy pair and planetary nebula.

All open viewings are held at the telescope dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in a western sector of the college's Nature Study

Area, near 107th Street and Kean Avenue. Observers are asked to park near the college's tennis courts and then walk on the path through the nature study area to the observation deck. Limited parking is also available in a pull-in area off Kean Avenue, just west of the observatory.

Tom McCague, retired associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department, hosts the viewings. An amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, McCague built the telescope using common hardware store items and donated it to the college. The telescope is a 6½-foot Newtonian reflecting model with a 13 inches diameter and took him nearly 14 months to build.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring binoculars if they have them.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart in the office of College and Community Relations at (708) 974-5742, [jreinhart@morainevalley.edu](mailto:jreinhart@morainevalley.edu), or visit [morainevalley.edu/naturestudy/events.htm](http://morainevalley.edu/naturestudy/events.htm) on the Web.

## Show choir students win medals at Solo/Ensemble competition

Show choir students from Richards High School won gold and silver medals at the Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Contest at Thornwood High School on March 31.

Students who won gold medals included Shyvonn Adams, Cassie Aguilar, Amber Atkinson, Emily Brankin, Awmone Chappel, Nicole Chipman, Jennifer Galvan, Zac Goldstein, Jessica Greene, Bob Hoppenrath, Julie Janin, Julianne Kaiser, Emily Larson, Nate Martin, Ellen Miller, Paul Pianc, Kyle Ryan, Patrick Rylko, Lizzie Saathoff, Clare Smith, Jennifer Thiel, Alexis Uriquiza, Hugh Vondracek, Rebecca Williams, and Monica Zilinger.

Students winning silver medals included Ashley Bogard, Emily Brankin, Armone Chappell, Nicole Chipman, Jennifer Galvan, Zac Goldstein, Jessica Greene, Bob Hoppenrath, Julianne Kaiser, Emily Larson, Nate Martin, Paul Pianc, Kyle Ryan, Patrick Rylko, Clare Smith, Jennifer Thiel, Hugh Vondracek, and Monica Zilinger.

Students could compete in three vocal categories, so some won more than one medal. Teacher Rose Cunningham directs the choral program at Richards.

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## Mount Assisi Academy Hosts Open House and Fine Arts Evening

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, will be hosting an informal Open House for prospective students and their families on Monday, April 30, 2007 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a sneak peek at Mount Assisi's scenic 35-acre campus setting, meet students, faculty and staff, walk through the school building, view classrooms and receive information on various programs.

Immediately following the Open House, interested families are also invited to attend Mount Assisi's Fine Arts Extravaganza that will begin at 7 pm in the school's gymnasium. The works of several talented student artists will be on display and the angelic voices of the MAA Concert Choir will be performing lively musical pieces and selections.

For more information on these events, please call (630) 257-7844.



Caption for photo [http://jazz07](#): Pictured, left to right, are members of the jazz band from Richards High School (front row) Mike Machen, Ben Szafoni, Rebecca Calvillo, Sarah Quintos, Victor Ojeda, Ashley Taylor, (row two) Erin Moeller, Bob Hoppenrath, Matt Mudon, (row three) Katherine Brett, Jeff Wycislak, Michelle Summers, Ryan McMillin, (row four) Sarah Brett, Mike Plane, Amanda Hanks, (row five) Kaitlyn O'Dekirk, Elizabeth Hudson, Gerrick Birt, Kyle Renken, (row six) Scott Hanks and Nate Martin. Not pictured is Aaron Lopez.

## Jazz Band wins honors

Editors: Photo caption appears below.

The jazz band from Richards High School won awards at several Chicago-area competitions over the past two months. Their achievements included placing first at the Pekin Jazz Festival; earning an 'excellent' rating at the Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival; placing first at the Mundelein Jazz Festival; and placing first in Class II and totaling the third highest point total among all groups competing at the Chicago Jazz Festival.

At the Chicago Jazz Festival, several students won awards including Combo Division I rating (Best solo award, Mike Machen/guitar; Best section player Ashley Taylor/Bass) and Jazz Ensemble I rating (Best Solo award, Robert Hoppenrath/Alto Saxophone and Best section player, Matt Mudon/Bass Trombone).

Music teacher Charles Martin directs the instrumental band program at Richards.

## An Evening of Rodgers and Hart" 708-424-2083

Join the Southwest Symphony Orchestra under the direction of David L. Crane in its season finale on Saturday, April 21, 2007, 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Christian College's Oziniga Chapel, 6601 West College

Drive in Palos Heights. The theme of the concert is "An Evening of Rodgers and Hart", an evening of Ameri-

can song featuring four soloists and the combined choruses of Palos sings! directed by Julie Rawls and the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley directed by Alice Maguire.

The four-featured soloists include: Candice Crane former member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Lyric Chorus of Chicago. She has appeared with Chicago Opera Theater, Chamber Opera of Chicago and Northwestern University's Ragland Opera Theater. Debra Austin, distinguished soloist, has portrayed Hansel in Humperdinck's Hänsel und Gretel with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Suzuki in Puccini's Madame Butterfly with Chicago Opera Theater; the title role in Offenbach's La Périchole with Light Opera Works. She made her Chicago Symphony Orchestra debut in Bach's St. Matthew Passion under Sir Georg Solti.

Marc Stingley is highly regarded for his impressive musical background.

He has twice received vocal fellowships from the Tanglewood Festival, where he received the High Fidelity/Musical America Award. He has sung throughout Europe and has been tenor soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the New York Chamber Orchestra.

Ticket prices start at \$16 seniors, \$20 adults, \$5 students, children under 12 are free. Order tickets by calling 708-802-0686. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets for \$10 each.

## Summer registration for driver education

District 218 will hold summer driver education registration for district residents on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to noon. Students are asked to register at one of these two locations: Richards High School, 10601 S. Central, Oak Lawn, or Sheppard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights.

All private school students who live in District 218 boundaries and are between the ages of 15 and 21 are eligible for driver education. Students who are freshmen during the 2004-2005 school year are not eligible, regardless of age. Students must bring a high school identification card to registration.

At registration, students must pay a \$120 fee for the behind-the-wheel phase. All payments must be made by check or money order and made payable to Com-

munity High School District, 218.

Driving permit testing will be done at the two schools on May 7 and 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. The driving permit fee of \$20 must be paid at this time (checks or money orders made payable to Secretary of State.)

Starting dates of driver education classes will be determined after registration. For more information on driver education, call Curriculum Director for Physical Education, Driver Education and Health Ron Kyler at 708-424-2000, ext. 2411.

## Healthy Treats, Crackling With Good Taste

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snack or accompaniment to a soup or salad, or topped with your favorite spread.

And, when family and friends gather, it's great to have the makings of a no-fuss treat on hand. For an impressively easy dish, sprinkle a round of Brie with an aromatic mix of parsley, orange peel and garlic, surround it with different cracker varieties and pop it in the oven. You can count on these crackers to stay crisp and delicious after warming in the oven.

For another simple yet appealing snack, serve a warm dip of seasoned goat cheese, topped with a savory mixture of tomatoes and black olives and surrounded with an assortment of crackers. Other clever ideas:

- Choose several varieties of crackers, such as the brown rice thins or wheat thins flavored with onion or garlic and sesame. Spread each one with scallion cream cheese and top with a smoked salmon strip.

- Start with a base of red pepper hummus on crackers. Garnish some with thin, seedless cucumber slices and others with black olive slivers.

- Make "nacho crackers" by spreading refried beans on crackers, topping each with a triangle of Jack cheese and a dab of salsa. Toast just until the cheese melts.

For more great recipes and serving ideas, visit [sesmark.com](http://sesmark.com).





## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

Jacki Mari

For all Signs for April 17th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & also visit JackiMari.Com and Telfriend

**Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo:** What seems to be a challenge for you actually comes easy, is profitable & educational too.

**Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer:** Debate-like talks with people who can help you gain a lot are now in place. B & R aid.

**Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius:** Your focus this week should be on housing needs & then reward yourself; take a trip.

**Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn:** Laughter heals, & so does positive thinking. Do them both with someone J or S.

**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** "Call it to you" and it should come quickly. "It" is whatever you desire. H helps.

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** Money seems to find you this week in the form of a winning or pay-back. L involved.

**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** Let "it" go! A special human being or a spiritual one is demanding that you let negatives go!

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Read the above message & add this: old doors must close before new ones open.

**Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces:** Read the above message & add this: nothing or no-thing is indispensable, not even you.

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For 1 or 2 questions online go to ePSYCHICAnswers @ JackiMari.Com [usual response within 24 hours of receiving your questions. Psychic House Parties continue to be available [Host/Hostess can be free]. Call 708-597-5866 for info.

Psychic Mini-Sessions April 16<sup>th</sup> & May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero/1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon]. Walk-ins welcome.

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Jacki Mari & Aly

## Student art exhibit Oak Lawn Library

Stop by the Youth Service Department at the Oak Lawn Library to view the art exhibit from students from Leib and Columbus Manor elementary schools in Oak Lawn. The exhibit is on display through May 15.

The library is located 9427 S Raymond Ave. (5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St). For information call 708-422-4990.

## Teen Game night at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Library will host a Teen Game Night featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) on Wednesday, April 25 from 7-8pm for students 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Teens are invited to bring their favorite card or board games to play with others. Snacks are available. For more information call Oak Lawn Library's Youth Services at 708-422-4990.

## Trinity Senior Fellowship Oak Lawn plans outing

The Trinity Senior Fellowship Oak Lawn plans an outing to Eli's

World for a luncheon tour on Thursday, May 24. They will watch cheesecake being made from scratch to the finished product. A boxed lunch of seasonal fruit cup, potato chips, beverage and a choice of either breast of turkey shaved honey ham or grilled vegetables on freshly prepared artisan bread. Dessert is different varieties Eli's Cheesecakes. Price is \$22. The bus leaves Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S Brandt, Oak Lawn at 8:45am. Deadline is May 7.

Call Mickey (708-422-2355) or Noreen (&08-499-5990) for reservations.

## Trips planned from OCS Evergreen Park

A trip on Thursday, June 28, departing at 9am from Maher Community Center in Evergreen Park is the Office of Senior Citizens' Service plans a one-day trip for \$45. It views the Millennium Park attractions, visits the

Chicago Cultural Center and has a family-style lunch at House of Fortune in Chinatown with free time for shopping. Return is approximately 2:45pm. Tickets are available in Room 107, Community Center, 3450 W 97<sup>th</sup> St.

A trip is planned for Monday, July 30 for Chicago History Museum and Drake Hotel. Cost is \$58. The trip leaves 9:15am and returns 3:15pm. There is a special tour of the History Museum and Afternoon Tea in the palm Court Restaurant at the Drake.

A trip is planned for Starved Rock on Thursday, August 30. Its costs \$70. The trip departs 8:15am and returns approximately 5:15pm to the Community Center. It includes a visit to the Illinois Waterway Center, a narrated guided tour at Starved Rock on the Trolley, lunch at Starved Rock Lodge and a boat ride on the Illinois River.

On Tuesday, September 25 there is a trip to Shipshewana that departs at 7:30am and returns approximately 7:15pm. Tickets are \$68. It includes Rieigsecker's Marketplace art and handicraft collectibles, a family-style lunch at Bluegate Restaurant and shopping at the famous flea market. Tickets for all events are now on sale in Room 107, Community Center, 3450 W 97<sup>th</sup> St. For more information call 708-422-8776.



## John Boss of Oak Lawn stars in Night Blue Theatre

Night Blue Theatre announces the staging of the Broadway musical "La Cage Aux Folles" for performances Friday, April 20, 27, Sat, April 21, 28 and Sunday April 29. Friday performances are 8pm, Saturday (21) are 2 and 7pm, (28) are 3 and 8pm and Sunday 3pm. Tickets vary \$18 (students) - \$26. Call the

## German Fest at St. Paul's Oak Lawn

Enjoy great German food, a variety of beverages and dance to the lively music of Eddies Jolly Gang band playing traditional and popular German music on Saturday evening, April 28 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, 4660 W. 94<sup>th</sup> St. Doors open 4:30pm. For tickets call 708-423-1040. The menu includes bratwurst, thuringer, hot dogs, BBQ pork ribs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, bread, dessert and much more at reasonable prices.

## It's 40 years since the Oak Lawn Tornado

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St, will host two free programs to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado on April 21 and 22. Tornado History Preservation is Saturday April 21, at noon.

The Library's new Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show presentation featuring eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and records maintained in the library's local history archives.

Tornado Memories Open Mic is Sunday, April 22 at 1:30pm. Members of the community are invited to speak to share personal stories about how the Oak Lawn Tornado impacted their life. Sign up at the library, five minutes time is

the limit. The event will be videotaped.

This is the reestablishment of the library's Dee Kopf Local History Room. This has been done for the growing community interest in the history of Oak Lawn and gives interested parties, historians and students access to archived and referenced materials with work areas and staff assistance provided.

The library does request the donation or use of materials important to the interpretation of Oak Lawn History, including family papers, business records, land use maps, documents noting significant historical figures. If you have items to donate call Dr. Galligan at 708-422-4990 or email mgilligan@oaklawnlibrary.org.

The library's original local history room was dedicated to longtime Oak Lawn librarian Dee Kopf upon her retirement in 1976. It was used for other things in 1987.

box office 630-257-3077.

Heading the cast of 24 is theatre veteran John B Boss of Oak Lawn. This is his third role with Night blue and his 6<sup>th</sup> production of La Cage. John has appeared locally with Oak Lawn Park District, Illinois Theatre Center, Beverly Theatre Guild, BHUC and Drama Group. He has also appeared at Theatre at the center in Munster, Light Opera Works, Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre and First Street Playhouse.

The locations for the performances are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend: Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge, 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway County Line Rd. at I-55 and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend Georgios Banquet Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 8900 W 159<sup>th</sup> St Orland Park.

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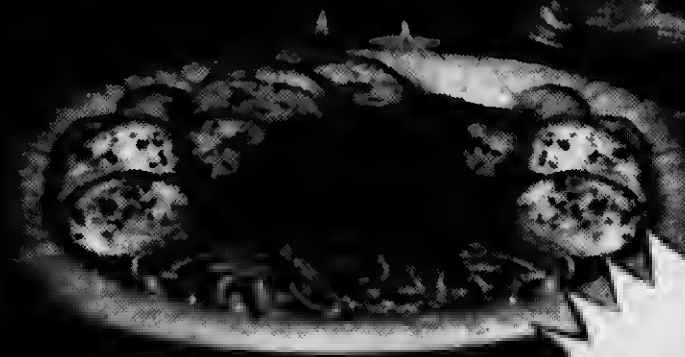
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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

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### LIBERALISM RUN AMOK WITH ROSIE'S RANTINGS

Has Rosie O' Donnell lost what's left of her mind? That seems to be the question on the minds of some Americans, concerned that she's overstepped her boundaries with outlandish claims.

Lately she has been espousing her far left political opinions on the daytime show, the View, which is providing a platform for her ultra liberal paranoia.

I use to enjoy Rosie back when she was the host of her own talk show. That was before she came out of the closet and her obsessive infatuation with Tom Cruise was a bit obnoxious. But, other than that, her show was a fresh and pleasant alternative to the trash talk shows on the air such as Maury Povich (Whose your baby's daddy.) Or Jerry Springer's (Let the brawls begin.)

Rosie's guest gift give - aways, to audience members, endeared her to daytime t.v.

This time around, as moderator on the View, Rosie's personal viewpoints are finding her on shaky ground.

Rosie is a simple minded comedian who has captured the attention of the news media for her damning comments about our government and 9/11 conspiracies.

She has shamelessly blamed our military for extending cruel and unusual punishment to our enemies, shifting focus away from the fact that the only agenda these terrorists have is to kill Americans. How many times have these terrorists proclaimed that they want us dead more than they themselves want to live.

In a shocking display of stupidity, Rosie badgered Elisabeth, the conservative co-host of the show, by telling her not to fear the terrorists because they are mothers and fathers just like us. I guess Rosie missed the special documentary where radical Islam's children are being brainwashed into becoming homicide bombers to rid the world of the American devils. Can she really be so blinded by such blissful ignorance that she honestly believes the rhetoric she's spinning?

Six years ago, shortly after the twin towers came crashing down, Bin Laden made a chilling statement to the world. He predicted that Americans would be divided, and that the destruction and in fighting that followed would be its demise. His prediction is proving to pack a powerful punch of accuracy today.

Speaker of the house, Nancy Pelosi, has made a trip to Syria, a terrorist sponsored state, to begin a dialogue with it's president. The terrorist organizations are publicly praising Pelosi for her efforts. I get the feeling that these rogue rulers are having a field day with this liberal leader who seems to think that compromising and kissing up will somehow bring peace.

Now the biggest, perhaps most important question is this: How can you attempt peace talks with a country who believes our ally (Israel) doesn't deserve to exist and should be wiped off the face of the earth?

Rosie is arrogantly using her, celebrity status to help destroy the dynamics of our country by insanely insinuating that 9/11 was an inside job. This type of accusation is not only dangerous, it is also disgraceful.

Elisabeth, co-host of the View does her best to defend her political perspective, but she's no match for Rosie, the rude and bawdy bully.

Elisabeth does make a good point and she makes it loud and clear. President Bush has made some serious mistakes - the quagmire in Iraq being one of them. But, he has kept our country safe by thwarting possible terrorist attacks here at home. He is tough on terrorists and doesn't negotiate with them. But it seems that there is yet another battle brewing from within our own borders by some democrats and liberals who are more sympathetic to our enemies who are out to completely change our way of life. What's happened to America's steadfast conviction that united we stand? Those words that brought us strength, comfort and safety have been buried under the ashes of the twin towers.

There's the liberal left fighting the conservative right but, in the end we seem to be heading in the wrong direction. The price we'll pay will be our precious freedom - for a country divided will surely fall under the strain of indifference.

We've been warned. The terrorists are a patient people. They will patiently wait and see how America plays this out.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible. (Mary McLeod Bethune.)

### EARTHTALK From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

**Dear EarthTalk:** I've seen those images of polar bears stranded on small islands of ice and heard that some are now dying by drowning. How are other wildlife populations affected by global warming?

— Jessie Walters,  
via e-mail

Most researchers agree that even small changes in temperature are enough to send hundreds if not thousands of already struggling species into extinction unless we can stem the tide of global warming. And time may be of the essence: A 2003 study published in the journal *Nature* concluded that 80 percent of some 1,500 wildlife species sampled are already showing signs of stress from climate change.

The key impact of global warming on wildlife is habitat displacement, whereby ecosystems that animals have spent millions of years adapting to shift quickly. Ice giving way to water in polar bear habitat is just one example of this. Another, according to *The Washington Post*, is the possibility that warmer spring temperatures could dry up critical breeding habitat for waterfowl in the prairie pothole region, a stretch of land between northern Iowa and central Alberta.

Affected wildlife populations can sometimes move into new spaces and continue to thrive. But concurrent human population growth means that many land areas that might be suitable for such "refugee wildlife" are already taken and cluttered with residential and industrial development. A recent report by the Pew Center for Global Climate Change suggests creating "transitional habitats" or "corridors" that help migrating species by linking natural areas that are otherwise separated by human settlement.

Beyond habitat displacement, many scientists agree that global warming is causing a shift in the timing of various natural cyclical events in the lives of animals. Many birds have altered the timing of long-held migratory and reproductive

routines to better sync up with a warming climate. And some hibernating animals are ending their slumbers earlier each year, perhaps due to warmer spring temperatures. To make matters worse, recent research contradicts the long-held hypothesis that different species coexisting in a particular ecosystem respond to global warming as a single entity. Instead, different species sharing like habitat are responding in dissimilar ways, tearing apart ecological communities millennia in the making.

And as wildlife species go their separate ways, humans can also feel the impact. A World Wildlife Fund study found that a northern exodus from the United States to Canada by some types of warblers led to a spread of mountain pine beetles that destroy economically productive balsam fir trees. Similarly, a northward migration of caterpillars in the Netherlands has eroded some forests there.

According to Defenders of Wildlife, some of the wildlife species hardest hit so far by global warming include caribou (reindeer), arctic foxes, toads, polar bears, penguins, gray wolves, tree swallows, painted turtles and salmon. The group fears that unless we take decisive steps to reverse global warming, more and more species will join the list of wildlife populations pushed to the brink of extinction by a changing climate.

**CONTACTS:** Pew Center for Global Climate Change, [www.pewclimate.org](http://www.pewclimate.org); Defenders of Wildlife, [www.defenders.org](http://www.defenders.org).

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From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine.

Dear EarthTalk: I see so much waste in packaging every day—from water in self-serve bottles to all the foil and cardboard you have to break through to get to a new print cartridge. What is being done to make packaging

more "green friendly," including cutting out as much of it as possible?

Jeanne L., Canton, CT

Thanks to forward-thinking action by the European Union (EU), people around the world are beginning to recognize that wasteful packaging puts unnecessary stress on the environment. In 1994 the EU issued a "Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste," putting the responsibility of waste reduction and reclamation on manufacturers instead of on retailers, consumers and local governments.

The program, popularly known as "Producer Pays" or "Extended Producer Responsibility," requires product makers to either take back their packaging (consumers can leave it behind in the store or send it back in the mail at the producers' expense), or pay a fee to an organization called "Green Dot" that will handle it for them. "Green Dot" is now the standard take-back program in two-dozen European countries.

According to Bette Fishbein of INFORM, Inc., a nonprofit environmental research organization based in the U.S., the concept has "spread like wildfire" and has been adopted by many industrialized nations—including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Japan, Korea and Taiwan—but not yet by the United States, which could certainly benefit. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) annual generation of municipal solid waste in the U.S. increased from 88 million tons in 1960 to 229 million tons in 2001, with containers and packaging making up almost a third of the weight.

Maine has followed the European model and initiated its own "Producer Pays" program; the first in the U.S. Maine requires electronics makers to fund consolidation centers where used TV and computer monitors are sent. According to the state's Department of Environmental Protection, "Maine's electronic waste recycling law... is a national model, as it protects our en-

vironment, saves taxpayers money and puts costs where they belong to encourage safe design and recycling of electronic wastes."

Some U.S. companies are also taking initiative. Microsoft worked with Packaging 2.0, a packaging solutions company that recycles used materials into new packaging, to develop an environmentally responsible and reusable package for its line of GPS consumer electronics products. And a number of other companies, including Unilever, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft Foods, Microsoft and Nike, have come together under the umbrella of the Sustainable Packaging Coalition, a project of the non-profit GreenBlue, and released a guide for designers and developers to assist them in designing sustainable packaging.

In February 2008 Wal-Mart will implement a "packaging scorecard" to measure and evaluate its entire supply chain. Goals include using less packaging and using more sustainable materials in packaging. According to Wal-Mart, the company is already beginning to make headway. "By reducing the packaging on one of our patio sets," says the company website, "we were able to use 400 fewer shipping containers to deliver them. We created less trash, and saved our customers a bundle while doing it."

**CONTACTS:** Green Dot, [www.packaging-waste.com](http://www.packaging-waste.com); INFORM, [www.informinc.org](http://www.informinc.org); Sustainable Packaging Coalition,

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## Shenandoah opens at Lincolnshire Marriott

The Tony-award winning Broadway masterpiece Shenandoah opens at Lincolnshire Marriott.

With previews April 25-May 1 it opens May 2 and runs through June 24. The musical will be directed and choreographed by Jeff Award winner David H. Bell. It is North vs. South, brother vs. brother and war and slavery in the Civil War. Shenandoah's music is by Gary Geld and lyrics are by Peter Udell.

Performances are Wed (1 & 8pm), Thurs-Fri (8pm), Sat 5 & 8:30pm and Sun 1 & 5pm).

With purchase of \$45 ticket for Wed and Thurs, you receive a free dinner based on dining availability. For all other performances tickets are \$42, excluding taxes and handling fees. A \$5 discount is available to seniors and students Wed and Sat matinees. To reserve with a credit card, call the box office at 847-634-0200 or visit the web at [www.marriotttheatre.com](http://www.marriotttheatre.com).

## Super Grover! Ready for Action comes to Rosemont

Calling all you super heroes! Super Grover needs your help! Come discover what it takes to get your inner hero ready for action in the production at Rosemont for "Sesame Street Live!" The production runs on Thursday, May 3 through Sunday May 6.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$15-\$20. Call the box office for information at 847-671-5100. To charge tickets by phone call Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212. Tickets may also be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Show times are Thurs & Fri (10:30am and 7pm) Sat (10:30am, 2 and 5:30pm) and Sun (1 and 4:30pm). Rosemont Theatre is located 5400 N River Road, Rosemont.

For online show information please visit [www.sesamestreetlive.com](http://www.sesamestreetlive.com).

## Broadway in Chicago new productions

Disney Theatrical Productions debut a stage version of Disney's 'High School Musical' at the LaSalle Bank Theatre July 25-September 2, 2007. It is based on the 2006 Emmy Award-winning Disney Channel Original Movie. The touring company includes a live orchestra and a cast of 35 performers. Casting is not available. It is based on a high school basketball star and a shy gifted newcomer whom discover a passion for singing. For advanced priority group tickets call 312-977-1710. Tickets are \$20-\$78.

Jersey Boys is already extended and tickets are on sale at the Broadway in Chicago box office at 312-902-1400. It opens October 6, 2007 at the LaSalle bank Theatre. It is part of the 2007 Broadway in Chicago series. 'Jersey Boys' is the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and how four boys from the other side of the tracks became one of the biggest pop sensations of all times.

They wrote their own songs, invented their sound and sold 175 million records worldwide. Casting is not available. Tickets are \$30-\$95 and available at three Broadway in Chicago Box offices.

## Grand Reopening of Oak Lawn Local History Room

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a special grand reopening weekend for the Dee Kopf Local History Room on Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 from 1-3 p.m. Light refreshments. If you have items to donate or share, call Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990, or email

[maggilligan@oaklawnlibrary.org](mailto:maggilligan@oaklawnlibrary.org).

The library's original local history room was dedicated to longtime Oak Lawn librarian Dolores (Dee) Kopf upon her retirement in April 1976. The room was put to other uses in 1987.

EST presents Troilus and Cressida

The 20th Anniversary Season of Chicago Shakespeare Theatre concludes with Artistic Director, Barbara Gaines directing William Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida.

The show opens on Shakespeare's 443rd birthday, April 23 and runs through June 24, 2007. Gaines has directed over 30 William Shakespeare's plays. Her work was honored with numerous Jeff Awards and was awarded the prestigious Order of the British Empire in 2005.

Tickets range from \$40-\$67. For further information call 312-595-5600.

## News from St Bernadette School in Evergreen Park

The following students in grades 6-8 have achieved high honors for second quarter: (6) Sean Martyn, Timothy McGinnis, John Nolan, Joseph Paikos, Mark Triezenberg, Taylor Tucker; (7) Rachael Lucas, Paul Schnitzenbaumer; (8) Moria Brennan, Melissa Flisk\*, Joseph Kadich, Megan Kirkland and Brendan Rooney\*. (3.6-4.0 GPA; \* denotes 4.0).

The following students in grades 6-8 have achieved honors (3.0-3.59 GPA) for second quarter: (6) Sydney Geerling, Isaac Glover, Nina Kadich, Joseph Leitelt, Melissa Mann, Mary Claire Murphy, Kassey Nolan, Haley O'Connell, Mary O'Keefe; (7) Nicole Brettman, Deion Fields, Molly Kordas, Mary McKeown, Ryan Meyer, Morgan Miller, Patrick Montag, Annemarie Newark, Maria Quilty; (8) Breanna Bona, Sara Paschke and Claudia Smith. Congratulations to all.

Third quarter WWJD Awards were presented to the following students: Liam Cimaglia, Luke Goodman, Patrick Healy, Maria McCormack, Mary McKeown, Mary Claire Moxley, Candice Narcisse, Lauren Narcisse, Letoria Overton and Imani Sykes. The award is given to students who best exhibit Christian values by being respectful and kind to all adults and peers.

Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ventura, OP on 60 years in her religious life. She is head of the ELS at the school.

## Local educators receive Golden Apple

John Naisbitt, a graduate of St. Xavier University, and history teacher at Hinsdale Central High School and Robert Rodney, history teacher at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights recently received Golden Apple Awards. Rodney, a first timer, was recognized for the 2007 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction.

Naisbitt one of the 10 Golden Apple winners receives a tuition-free fall-term sabbatical at Northwestern University, a PC from Apple, \$3000, and membership in the Golden Apple Academy.

Little Company of Mary honors medical professionals.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care centers and the Chicago Clinical Lab Managers Association celebrated the contributions of their laboratory professionals during National Medical

Laboratory Professionals Week. The theme was "Laboratory Professionals Quality Care from Quality Professionals."

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From an old scientist congratulations Laboratory Area Rotary Clubs to host Job 1 Program

The Rotary Clubs of Blue Island-Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Moraine Valley, Oak Lawn, and Orland Park invite employers, school administrators, Village and City officials,

## Holiday Club for grades 3-5 at OL Public Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th invites third to fifth grade students to participate in a monthly Holiday Club from 4-5pm on Tuesday, April 24. Registered members create crafts for an upcoming holiday that they may take home or put on display at the library. The program is open to Oak Lawn residents and students from Oak Lawn schools. Sign up at the Youth Service Desk.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library web at [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

and interested citizens to attend a presentation on JOB 1, a summer job/internship program for high school students. The Job 1 event will be held on Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00, which includes a buffet dinner. Cash bar. Payment will be taken at the door with cash or check.

For more information and to make reservations by April 18, 2007, contact Dave or Kathy Kobak at 708-361-1177.

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## Ragtime comes to Viking in Tinley Park

by Marijo Doody

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 22, 2007 at 2pm. Sue Keller and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Viking present the program. Sue has played locally at the Oak Lawn Library, Tinley Park Library, Palos Center, Chiesa Nuova and numerous other venues.

Dave Majczrak, a pianist assisted Keller at Sedalia. The ragtime era began in the late 1890's and its most famous composer is Scott Joplin. Musically blues, jazz, stride and boogie are all related in the ragtime era.

Other performers include Dick Zimmerman, from Loves Park, IL and former Artistic Director at Selalia and Tex Wyndham from Pennsylvania who plays coronet and piano and is a retired attorney who does Elder Hostel programs. Steve Standford also from Pennsylvania, is a pianist, in the medical field as an oncologist and recently married. Jim Radloff has performed in Wisconsin his area.

Ted Leman will be the Master of Ceremonies for the program. Ted is a former railroad man and MC's the Peoria contest. His comedic piano work is a hoot!

Ken and Jeanne Vesely with Parson's Piano Shop of Crete provide pianos and cost of piano moving. The Ladies Auxiliary as always provides wonderful refreshments. Harald Viking Hall is located 6730 W 175<sup>th</sup> St. Tinley Park. Admission is \$20. Call 708-560-9033 or 708-712-2556 for reservations. The Hall seats around 235 and you do want to get in! It is a great way to spend an afternoon.

## Writers' Theatre announces 15<sup>th</sup> season

Writers' Theatre Artistic Director Michael Halberstam announced productions for the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.

It includes 'The Savannah Disputation' by Evan Smith, 'The Turn of the Screw' by Henry James, 'As You Like It' Shakespeare and 'Lion in Winter' by James Goldman. For more information call the box office at 847-242-6000.

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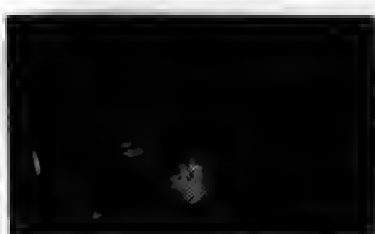


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Theatre at the Center is an equity professional theater at its home founded in 1991. It is located 1040 Ridge Road in Munster, Indiana. It is located just off of I-80/94 only 30 minutes from downtown.

Grease is directed by David Perkovich and Bill Pullinsi, the creative team includes Design Robert Kovach, Geoffrey Bushor, Janice Pyte and Victoria Delorio. Production Manager is Chuck Gessert, Technical Director Ann Davis, Choreographer is Stacy Flaster and Musical Director is Malcolm Ruhl.

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## Musichorale presents Remembrances of Spring

by Marijo Doody

In its 60<sup>th</sup> year, Musichorale presents its spring concert "Remembrances of Spring"

on Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 4:20pm at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, located 6601 West College Drive (Rt. 83) in Palos Heights, Illinois.

Musichorale Music Director is Jeffrey Silham and members come from all walks of life and include high school students up to senior citizens. They bring talent and a love of song in choral music. They rehearse in Oak Lawn at 9000 S Ridgeland on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm.

The program includes songs of Americana with patriotic, Broadway show, folk types in gospel, omppapa spiritual, sacred and classical choral arrangements. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling 773-239-6279 or purchased at the door.

Included in the program is a performance of one of the recent contest winners, George Hyun an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Washburne Jr. High in Winnetka.

## Forbidden Broadway SVU comes to Royal George

The tongue-in-cheek tribute to Broadway's biggest shows, stars and fiascos plays at Royal George beginning April 19 starring the current New York cast. The play titled Forbidden Broadway Special Victims Unit is in for a limited 10 week run.

Forbidden Broadway SVU and its creator Gerald Alessandrini were honored with a Tony Honor in 2006 for keeping theatregoers in stitches for 25 year.

Tickets are on sale at \$35 (Previews) and \$39-\$49.50 after April 23. The box office phone is 312-988-9000.

## Porchlight's Ragtime is awesone

by Marijo Doody

Porchlight Theatre's 2007 concluding production is the musical "Ragtime" the Broadway epic of an American adventure with immigration. It captures the moments in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century where migration to the United States of our forefathers came.


The story evolves around three families' fate. They are one Caucasian firearms manufacturing family, a Negro couple caught in racial strife and the third a Jewish immigrant family. "Ragtime" since it is a musical demands great singing and its stars provide Stirring performances are given by Jason Brooks (Coalhouse Walker) and Karla Beard (Sarah).

In the firearm family the mother Charissa Armon has a golden voice and finds herself. The male figures in the family Bill Ingraham (husband) and Scott Sowinski (brother) and son (Drew Mikuska) are all good.

The Jewish artist family Tateh (Aaron Graham) and daughter Leah Rose Orleans were powerful in portrayal with a strong voice and a future star in the making. Other notable performances gives were by Maggie Portman, Sarah Hayes, Jim Sherman, former Evergreen Park resident. Randolph Johnson, Jeremy Trager, and Dan Waters.

Porchlight's Ragtime production runs through May 27 and it is well worth the ticket price \$30-\$32.

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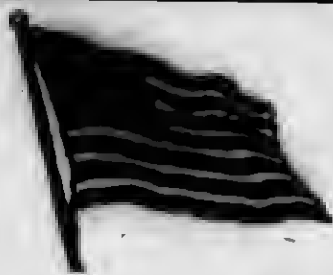
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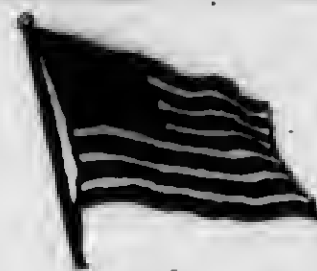
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April 17, 2007

## Orland Park to promote nonsmoking ban

by Matt Mayer

Village officials at the April 3, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting approved an expenditure not to exceed \$6,300. For advertisements promoting Orland Parks smoke free ban. Village staff consulted with local restaurants representatives, and the chamber of commerce. The input in which the village received inspired the development of this campaign.

A restaurant guide will be printed which will list address and phone numbers. The brochures may be picked up at the municipal building information desk, Sportsplex, Loebe Center and other public village buildings. The Chamber of Commerce, Orland Square Mall kiosks, Orland Township offices. The guides will also be inserted in the new resident packages. An ordinance allowing temporary smoking shelters to be erected from Nov. to April 30 was also approved.

Cook county commissioners unanimously approved a smoking ban ordinance on March 15, 2006, effective March 15, 2007. If municipalities had not passed their own bill prior to March 15. They then would be governed by the county. The village's nonsmoking ordinance went into effect on March 14.

Currently there is a senate sponsored state wide smoking ban SB0500 which has passed the senate. And is now in the house, and has not passed at the time of this writing. If the house passes the bill and the governor signs it into effect. The statewide ban then would create a level playing field. The ban however would not be in effective until January 1, 07. And would shorten the city of Chicago's ordinance by 8 months. If one feels the need for a statewide ban they then should write their legislators, otherwise the entire concept may just go up in smoke.

## Pump it Up of Orland Park Partners with Autism Society of America to increase awareness

While Chicago-area children jump, bounce and slide on the giant, colorful inflatable structures at Pump it Up of Orland Park on April 24, they will also be raising money and making a difference in the lives of children and families affected by autism.

In an effort to involve the Chicago-area community in National Autism Month, Pump it Up of Orland Park, located at 11411 W. 183rd Street, will host an open house on April 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., encouraging families to contribute a \$5 donation for each participating child. Also on April 17 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Pump It Up of Orland Park will offer Private Sessions for Special Needs children who benefit from a small, more controlled and private jumping environment with a recommended donation of \$10 per child. All proceeds will benefit the Autism Society of America (ASA).

"Families with autistic children and sponsoring organizations have consistently sought out Pump it Up because our sensory environment enables autistic children to play in a safe, private, and nonthreatening manner," said Lisa Kilrea, owner of Pump it Up of Orland Park. "Through our open house and fundraising efforts, we hope to give back to the autism community and show our support by generat-

ing awareness about the disorder."

With one in 150 births resulting in autism, it is more important than ever to raise awareness about the growing developmental disorder. Approximately 1.5 million Americans have some form of Autism, and according to the Department of Education, it is growing at a rate of 10-17 percent per year.

Part of the nation's largest, indoor inflatable playground franchise, Pump It Up of Orland Park is the original party facility of its kind. Guests are treated to large indoor arenas filled with a wide variety of engaging, challenging and brightly colored inflatable structures that stand almost two stories high. Children can bounce and tumble on custom inflatable bounce houses, two slides, obstacle courses, and jousting arenas.

"Pump it Up locations across the country are proud to partner with the ASA to support such a worthy cause and continue to give autistic children a place where they can use their imaginations freely and interact in an uninhibited environment," said Brenda Dronkers, founder of Pump it Up.

For more information on the April 24 open house events at Pump It Up of Orland Park, please call (708) 479-1466.

About Pump It Up

Pump It Up's inflatable party zone was created as a fun, safe place for children and adults to enjoy. Private parties for birthdays, team, school events, etc. are available to everyone from toddlers to adults and must be reserved in advance. Trained staff provides guests with supervision, food and beverage setup, and cleanup services. Pump It Up is headquartered in Pleasanton, CA with more than 152 locations in 37 states. For more information about Pump It Up, please visit

www.pumpitupparty.com

## Gaelic Park Players hold American Premiere

The Theater at Gaelic Park presents the Gaelic Park Players in the American premiere of 'Getting Buried' a comedy in three acts by playwright Peter Cunningham. Larry Coughlin directs the production. Tickets are \$10 and available. Call 708-687-9323.

Performances are Friday April 20, 27, Saturday April 21, 28 at 8pm and Sunday April 22, 29 at 3pm.

The production recently returned from a successful run in Kerry, Ireland, indicated a member of the Gaelic Park board. Gaelic Park is located 6119 W 147th St. Oak Forest.

For more information visit [www.gpplayers.org](http://www.gpplayers.org).

## Tinley Park Library news

Acclaimed singer songwriter, Patricia Caldwell will appear at the Tinley Park Public Library on Wednesday, April 18 at 7pm.

She brings her magical voice and mystical Tibetan singing bowl to the library. When Pat sings with the bowls the combined voices create a mystical sound experience that is peaceful and creates healing, clarity and joy.

Tinley Park Library will host an evening with Rex Newell of Rex's antiques on Monday, April 23 at 7pm. Newell will appraise and talk about all sorts of antique treasures. The first 40 registrants may bring one small handheld item for appraisal. Participants should bring an object with them to draw. Call to register at 708-532-0160 ex 3.

## Oak Forest approves money transfers to the general fund

by Matt Mayer

City officials approved an ordinance at the April 10, Oak Forest City Council meeting, to close dormant accounting funds, and transfer the remaining funds balances to the general fund. As well as an agreement for the adoption with the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPFA) as a 457 plan provider.

Other highlights: the city council approved an ordinance for the gateway redevelopment agreement. As well as a resolution for the concept plan of the Gateway Planned unit development. And the notice of approval of a preliminary plan, amending the oak forest commons subdivision, on the northeast corner of 159th Street and Central Avenue. A request to award a contract for the 2007 road program to Iroquois Paving for \$1,239,372 was approved. Community Development Director Dotson, has the details regarding these community development projects. As well as the details regarding the approved streetscape pedestrian light standards.

The city council approved a contract with Baxter and Woodman for \$32,700 to provide engineering services for sanitary sewer televising.

As well as engineering services for the 151st Street water main replacement for \$118,300. A request to hold a Avon walk for breast cancer on April 14 and May 26 was also approved.

The week of April 8 was proclaimed library appreciation week.

## VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK SPRING CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

The Village of Orland Park Annual Spring Clean-Up Campaign, in cooperation with Waste Management of the South Suburbs, will be held April 27, 28, and 29, 2007. Dumpsters will be located at the Public Works Facility, 15655 South Ravinia Avenue.

Residents may access the dumpsters on Friday, April 27 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. On Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29, residents may access the dumpsters between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Dumpsters will be located at the Public Works Facility for residents' disposal of normal household garbage. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side the dumpster. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited.

The Village of Orland Park Public Works Facility is located at 15655 Ravinia Avenue (one block west of LaGrange Road). For more information, please call Public Works at 708/403-6350.



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## Chicago Ridge establishes TIF district

by Matt Mayer

The village board at the April 3, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting, concurred with the planning and zoning commission. Pending a financial redevelopment agreement with Kane McKenna the firm which conducted a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) eligibility study, and the builder Lennar corporation, to rezone Tibor Machine Products on Birmingham Street, bounded by Oxford Avenue. Just east of Ridgeland Avenue.

The proposed Ridgeland Avenue Redevelopment Project consists of 19.2 acres. And is slated to be a 58-unit town home development. Which will cover approximately 6-acres of property, and about the railroad tracks to the north. The TIF also includes property located east of Oxford, were six small industrial type businesses are located.

Rick Burton, vice president for entitlement for Lennar builders, Presented preliminary renderings to the board. Burton said the town home development will

include 10 buildings consisting of five to six units each. Lennar headquartered in Miami Florida, is one of the nations largest builders constructing communities in 18 different states.

There will be two-bedroom 1,744 square foot raised ranch end units. The inner units will be three stories high, and include two and three bedroom units. The architecture of the town homes is slated to resemble another Lennar town home development, at 103rd Street and 79th Avenue in Bridgeview. Burton estimates the cost of the units to be between \$250,000 to \$260,000 per unit. However due to the close proximity to the Metra train station, the Westfield Mall. The units may be priced higher, Burton said.

A TIF district uses revenues to finance improvements within the district, and is also exempt from local taxing bodies, such as schools and libraries. The taxes are frozen at the pre redevelopment rate, and will remain at that rate until the TIF is paid off. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years. Additional information regarding the TIF may be obtained by calling the village hall at 425-7700 and information regarding Lennar builders may be obtained by visiting Visit [www.lennar.com](http://www.lennar.com)

## Doody's Doodlings

By Marijo Doody

A number of persons have lost loved ones. My Godmother was Bernice Power. She was 89 and my father's youngest sister. She was one of 13 living children born to Mary Maloney and Richard Doody. She influenced my life, in that when we were young she was in Chicago and spent lots of time with my mother. Aunt Byrd as we all called her, was very family oriented and after I graduated college (Mundelein) and was going to Europe with school chums, she saw the Easter card from Italy to my mother and insisted my mom act on it.

Unbeknown to me, my mom wrote and when I got to Milan in 1960 I met a woman cousin my age. In Florence I met more cousins. Unfortunately, I was not bilingual and we communicated from Spanish, to Italian to English. My mother only spoke Italian with her sister when they did not want us to understand. We are in America was her comment. Her father vowed never to go back to Italy.

Aunt Byrd, being the younger sister to my dad was very close and at the funeral stories were told how my dad put a quarter on her dresser when she went to school for carfare

## Greta Wiley Book Review in Orland Park

Palos Bank and Trust Prestige Club will host a Greta Wiley Book Review and luncheon at Georgios Banquets, 8800 W 159th St, Orland Park on Wednesday, May 2, at 11:am. Reservations are required. Send check to Palos Bank Prestige Club, 12600 S. Harlem, Palos Heights, IL 60463 or call Jan at 708-448-9100 ex 2065. Fee is \$24 members and \$29 guests.

Greta Wiley is a full-blooded book dramatist and mounts a one-woman show that summarizes the novel complete with character dialogue in a 60 minutes stage presentation. The book review will be a novel by Natalie Danford "Inheritance." It crosses the border between WWI and Italy with modern America, tracking one family's secret.

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and my dad got her the prom dress in high school. When my mother was in hospital after my birth, Aunt Byrd brought \$30 to mom for the bill. Back then in 1936 there was no insurance.

As of today, I am still in contact with the Italy cousins. Thank goodness for email. If it weren't for Aunt Byrd's prodding, perhaps we would never have met the relatives. The cousin I met in 1960's daughter, Lorry, is a linguist and she corresponded with my mother up until mom's death. Lorry is married to an engineer and has two children who are bilingual. English is taught in all the schools there.

Aunt Byrd was married to Uncle Bill for 65 years and had one daughter and four sons. Two of her sons were my parents Godchildren. Bill was an oilman and they moved around lots and were in California for many years. May you rest in peace dear one.

While I was at Mundelein, three sisters impacted my life. Just recently two were noted in the anniversary section as being jubilarians. Sr. Ann Ida Gannon was College President when I was in school and taught me in metaphysics. Sr. Marguerite Neumann was my chemistry professor. Both are celebrating 75 years as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The

third sister was Sr. Marina Kennely also a chemistry professor who went to high school with my Aunt Byrd.

With my Italian background and several years ago joining The Italian American Women Club in Evergreen Park, I met Sr. Mary Ventura OP. Sr. Mary is celebrating her 60th jubilee in the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. She has given of herself in educating young people and to this day she serves as director of the Essential Learning Solutions (ELS) at St. Bernadette School for over ten years. Our fondest wishes for continued blessings in your ministries.

During a recent card-game, I ran into Jamie who showed photos of his from a mission in Mexico connected with Moraine Valley outreach. A number of caring persons helped build a home for a family of four that were left homeless by the loss of the provider. His photos were wonderful.

**Moraine Valley Community College's** Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) will present guest speaker Phil Immordino, president of The Champion Group and the Golf Tournament Association of America, during its 2007 Spring Breakfast on Thursday, April 19, at Silver Lakes Country



Brother Richard Grenier, FMS

CHICAGO, IL, April 10, 2007— Marist High School's faculty recently named Bro. Richard Grenier, FMS "Heart of the School", which is an award given to one faculty member annually. The 2006-2007 school year marks Bro. Rich's thirty-eighth year at Marist, where he's wore many hats during his career.

Since 1969 Grenier has served the school in a multitude of roles including teacher, department chair, dean of discipline, coach and athletic director. In the classroom he taught economics, history, religion, finance and accounting. After school he led cross country runners, track jumpers and football and basketball players to individual and team championships.

In 2001, Bro. Rich was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement. Today, Bro. Rich continues to serve Marist in a variety of ways. He moderates the Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs, substitute teaches and covers a variety of other supervisions in the school. He's at nearly every game and school event and knows the names of countless students.

He is often found in the hallway enforcing the school dress code and congratulating students on their accomplishments. On being named Heart of the School, Bro. Rich says, "Although I may have been designated the heart of the school, it is our dedicated staff which constitutes the real life-blood of our Marist High School community." Outside Marist, Bro. Rich pursues several passions, including his support of his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, and playing congas any chance he has.

He's especially devoted to his vocation and the Marist Brothers. The "Heart of the School" award is given to a faculty member that emulates everything that Marist is about—its mission and values. Faculty members nominate their peers and then vote on the top two or three nominees each year.

Club, 14700 S. 82nd Ave., Orland Park. The breakfast buffet will begin at 7:45 a.m., and the program will begin at 8:15 a.m. Tickets are \$35.

Immordino will present on the topic "9 Holes to Business Success." He has more than 15 years of golf industry experience in various capacities. He has been a tournament director for hundreds of golf tournaments around the country, has vast experience in sales and promotion of golfing events, has represented 20-Professional

Golf Association (PGA) tour events, and has served as the promoter of the Cadillac Outdoor Golf Show. Immordino also hosts a golf radio show, is a well-known national speaker and author, has produced a golf television program, and provides consulting services to vendors in the golf industry to help them increase their business.

For more information about the breakfast, call Eda Schrimple at (708) 974-5714. To learn more about EDCSS, [morainevalley.edu/EDCSS](http://morainevalley.edu/EDCSS).



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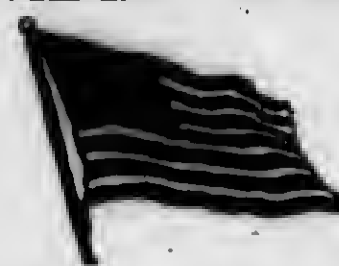
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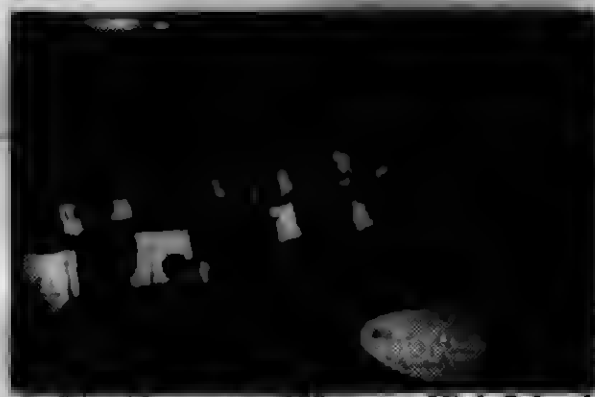
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Pictured: St. Rita Alumnus and Thornton High School Band Director Michael Madonia, directs Bandapalooza students performing music from the movie /Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory /in St. Rita's Auditorium.

## Bandapalooza a hit for young musicians

A full day of music lessons, sessions, and fun were the reviews of over seventy-five grade school students at BANDAPALOOZA, St. Rita High School's one-day clinic for young musicians on March 31st. Under the direction of Music Director Cindy Gradek and Assistant Music Director Jodi McLawhorn, the students learned and performed a number of showtunes. Pictured: St. Rita Alumnus and Thornton High School Band Director Michael Madonia, directs Bandapalooza students performing music from the movie /Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory /in St. Rita's Auditorium.

## Oak Lawn High School holds annual book fair

The Annual Oak Lawn Community High School Book Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 7:55-10:30 a.m. in the student cafeteria.

The event showcases the work of freshmen students. The event is open to the community.

## Military News

Army Pvt. James W. Mazurek has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid,

rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. Mazurek is a 2005 graduate of Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Ill.



## Avila to address Oak Lawn Rotary

Commissioner Frank Avila, with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Oak Lawn Rotary, Monday, May 7, at 12:45, following a 12:15 luncheon at Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn.

## KidneyMobile Rolls into Evergreen Park

*Nation's first-ever KidneyMobile brings free prevention and education programs to local residents in statewide battle against kidney disease*

National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) partners with Fresenius Medical Care to bring NKFI's KidneyMobile to Evergreen Park. The KidneyMobile is the nation's only mobile classroom and screening lab that detects kidney disease. NKFI's KidneyMobile will educate high-risk individuals and primary health care providers at the Evergreen Park Dialysis Center on kidney disease prevention and provide educational programs for successfully managing diabetes and hypertension — the two leading causes of kidney disease. One in nine adults has chronic kidney disease (CKD) — more than 20 million Americans and more than 600,000 Illinoisans.

§ The two primary causes of CKD are untreated hypertension and diabetes. Together, they represent approximately 70% of new CKD cases each year.

§ Highest-risk populations for CKD are African-Americans and Latinos — which make up nearly 30% of the state's total population.

Evergreen Park will feature this Kidney Mobile on Wednesday, May 16 from 9:00 am until 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Park Dialysis Center at 9730 South Western Ave., Suite 150

Kathy Kobak, President, announced that the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD including the Deep Tunnel Project.

Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of IL, Champaign-Urbana and a master of science from the University of Arizona.

## McAuley Spanish Honor Society Inducts New Members

The Mother McAuley Spanish Honor Society, "Aldonza", inducted 58 members of the junior class on April 3, 2007. Membership in this chapter is based upon foreign language skills; leadership

abilities and character. The focus of this organization is to increase student's knowledge of the Spanish language and culture through service and practice. Activities sponsored by the Spanish Honor Society provide opportunity for building foreign language skills, increasing self-esteem and fostering a sense of community within and outside of the McAuley community. The juniors inducted into the Spanish Honor Society include Lauren Adamonis (Oak Lawn), Sarah Berglind (Palos Heights), Madeline Bilanzic (Oak Lawn), Ashley Black (Chg., Morgan Park), Josephine Blough (Chg., Beverly), Claire Bowens (Chg., Beverly), Meggan Carroll (Chicago Ridge), Sonia Chavez (Chg., South Chicago), Rose DeFrancesco (Oak Lawn), Erin Doody (Oak Lawn), Steffani Doman (Chg., Clearing), Karina Enriquez (Chg., Lower West Side), Yasmin Espada (Chg., Ashburn), Cindy Estrada (Chg., South Chicago), Sinead Forde (Evergreen Park), Molly Gallagher (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Lindsay Garner (Burbank), Mary Glennon (Orland Park), Audrey Graczyk (Chg., Auburn Gresham), Erin Hallaren (Evergreen Park), Vanessa Hernandez (Chg., Chg. Lawn), Caitlin Hickey (Evergreen Park), Cathy Homik (Chg., Archer Heights), Lauren James (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Caitlin Jankovich (Chg., Beverly), Jane Jennings (Chg., Beverly), Melissa Joyce (Chg., Garfield Ridge), Christine Kazlauskas (Chg., Clearing), Erin Kelly (Oak Lawn), Katharine Kelly (Orland Park), Bridget Leiser (Chg., Beverly), Marci Malito (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Rachel Mann (Evergreen Park), Cheyenne McCloud (Chg., Greater Grand Crossing), Emily McDounough (Homer Glen), Patty McNamara (Chg., Westlawn), Nicole Meador (Chg., Ashburn), Sarah Murphy (Burbank).



Maggie Mulchrone

## Marist senior named IHSA

Marist senior Maggie Mulchrone was recently named to the Illinois State High School Association (IHSA) All-State Academic Team.

Only 26 high school seniors in the entire state receive this distinction, which requires participation in at least two IHSA sponsored activities, a minimum 3.5 GPA and demonstrated outstanding citizenship. The IHSA received more than 400 nominations.

Mulchrone (Beverly) is a four year member of both the track and field and cross country teams. Outside the athletic arena she is a member of the school's National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors and Mission Committee. This year she carries three Advanced Placement courses and two at the honors level. She is also enrolled in the Peer Leadership program at Marist, in which she provides daily academic support to other students.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Jacqueline Murray (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Bridget Nolan (Lemont), Meghan Nolan (Chg., Morgan Park), Jill Novosel (Oak Lawn), Ashley O'Brien (Oak Lawn), Helen Padden (Chg., Beverly), Monica Prado (Oak Lawn), Samantha Raske (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Megan Rowan (Palos Park), Catherine Ryan (Evergreen Park), Kaitlyn Shannon (Evergreen Park), Vicky Simmons (Evergreen Park), Alyssa Thomson (Chg., Archer Heights), Lauren Tomasek (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Jill Vaclavik (Chg., Beverly), Kristine Valen (Oak Lawn), Maura Walsh (Oak Lawn), Elayne Watson (Chg., Ashburn), Michelle Weyforth (Oak Lawn), and Lauren Zednick (Chg., Oakland).

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wishes all  
moms a  
beautiful and  
happy  
Mother's Day!



## Oak Lawn Senior happenings

The Oak Lawn Senior center is once again offering a variety of activities to the seniors here in the Village. We begin with Rules of the Road Review Course on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Call the Center to register. The course is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence to pass the driver's license renewal exam.

Representatives from Family Hear care Center will be offering a hearing aid clinic on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am-1pm. They will be on hand to clean and check your hearing aids and provide 'quickie' hearing screenings.

Now for some fun! Are you a Cub or Sox fan? Well the Crosstown Classic will satisfy both team fans. Here in the air-conditioned shady rain free bug free Senior Center, we will show the rivalry game on the big screen TV. Admission is \$2. It entitles you to a hot dog, chips and soda. Game time is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:20pm. Gates open at 12:30. Purchase a ticket with the center staff.

On Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am, entertainer, multi-instrumental and showman Johnny Gray will share his talents. Bring your singing voice! The Senior Center is located 5330 W 95<sup>th</sup> St. For further information call 708-499-0240.

Box Lunch Day has started at the Senior Center. The day includes refreshments, bingo, an informational program and social time. May's sponsor is Kuenster Funeral Home, located at 557- W 95<sup>th</sup> St. Mr. Kuenster will discuss funeral planning. A well-planned service warms the soul and illuminates the memory. The presentation begins at 10:30am on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Call the number above for lunch tickets.

## Snackville Junction closes

A well-known restaurant spot in Evergreen Park, Snackville Junction is now closed. Owners, Jeff and Linda Silhan had the business for 21 years. The railroad theme permeated the building.

Food was delivered to the customers via train with whistles blowing to alert children of all ages their meals were arriving. In the last station stop, seeing the children's eyes light up when the train came was a delight. What child doesn't like wheels?

Snackville Junction, thanks to Linda and Jeff Silhan, provided Thanksgiving meals to many who had no where to go for what ever reason. Well over 200 people were served each year over the years.

Chicago media gave Snackville a rousing send-off. Village View Publications wishes the Silhan's best wishes in their retirement.

### Letter to the Editor:

Thank you to the residents of the Village of Orland Park who cast their ballots for us at the April 17th election. Your votes acknowledged our accomplishments and our goals for the future of our community.

Thank you to the many residents who welcomed us into your homes as we took our message to the voters. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our families and friends who helped with Campaign 2007. Your support and encouragement will forever be remembered. Our message to the voters in Orland Park was simple. We are proud of Orland Park

and we are committed to the village's future. Thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve you.

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## EARTH TALK

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Are we making progress in cleaning up America's rivers? — Maria B., via e-mail

When the Cuyahoga River caught fire in downtown Cleveland in June of 1969, a nation already becoming more aware of environmental problems took note. Across the country, people were fed up with bans on swimming and fishing due to growing pollution levels. And rampant logging was clogging many a remote river system with soil and debris, making them uninhabitable by the fish that had evolved there for eons.

In 1972, in response to such concerns, Congress passed the landmark Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge of pollution into America's waterways. This important law has worked well to curtail pollution and keep development in check, but it does little to restore already damaged river ecosystems.

Luckily, a large array of local governments, nonprofit organizations and ad hoc citizen groups has risen to the challenge, making the United States the world's nexus for river restoration work. The National River Restoration Science Synthesis Project, a 2005 survey conducted by leading river scientists, identified 37,000 different river restoration projects either completed or underway across the U.S.

According to the survey, American taxpayers and foundations have invested nearly \$15 billion in U.S. river restoration projects—or about \$1 billion yearly—since 1990. Projects include: reforesting riverbanks to curb erosion; recreating natural river channels to reduce downstream flooding; removing dams to allow fish to migrate more freely; and restoring wetlands to better do their jobs at naturally filtering pollution.

Some specific high profile examples include Native Americans and farmers working together to bring wild salmon back to Oregon's Umatilla River, and the creation of natural habitat and buffer zones along Texas' San Antonio River. And General Electric finally complied with state and federal mandates to begin removal of the PCBs they had dumped in New York's Hudson River for years.

"It's no mystery why river restoration is booming," says Andrew Fahlund of the nonprofit American Rivers, a leading rivers advocacy group. "Rivers in good condition more readily meet the needs of the surrounding community than polluted and degraded rivers."

A new House budget resolution calls for increased spending on programs to reduce the amount of raw sewage going into American streams and to better manage the nation's 168 designated "wild and scenic" rivers. The resolution also calls for allocating funds for removing obsolete dams that could rupture and threaten nearby communities with potentially catastrophic flash floods.

Despite the positive trends, not all rivers are doing well. American Rivers' annual list of "America's Most Endangered Rivers" highlights river ecosystems across the U.S. that are still in disrepair or under threat. Those on the 2007 list include New Mexico's Santa Fe, New York's Upper Delaware, Washington's White Salmon, Texas's Neches, Wisconsin's Kinnickinnic, North Carolina's Neuse, Alaska's Chitna, Iowa's namesake Iowa River, Arkansas and Oklahoma's Lee Creek, and California's San Mateo Creek.

CONTACTS: The National River Restoration Science Synthesis Project, nrrss.nbi.gov; American Rivers, www.americanrivers.org.

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### EARTH TALK

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Did Exxon/Mobil really pay scientists and economists to write articles trying to debunk global warming?

— Rosemary R., via e-mail

A February 2007 report in the British newspaper, The Guardian, fell like a ton of bricks on efforts by ExxonMobil, the world's largest and most profitable oil company, to repair its damaged environmental reputation. According to the report, the Exxon-financed American Enterprise Insti-

tute (AEI), a conservative Washington, D.C. "think tank," offered scientists and economists \$10,000 each, plus expenses, to write articles undercutting the dire findings of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) about the extent and impacts of human-caused global warming.

The ties between ExxonMobil, AEI and the highest levels of government go way back. AEI has received more than \$1.6 million from ExxonMobil over the years, and more than 20 of its staffers have worked as consultants for the Bush administration. Former Exxon head Lee Raymond is still an AEI board member.

A month before the Guardian report, the Boston-based Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) released its own report documenting ExxonMobil's \$16 million in donations since 1998 to 43 organizations working to discredit the science of human-induced climate change. UCS joins a growing chorus of voices asking the company to turn the corner on global warming and start embracing a transition away from fossil fuels.

"ExxonMobil has manufactured uncertainty about the human causes of global warming just as tobacco companies denied their product caused lung cancer," says Alden Meyer, UCS's Director of Strategy & Policy. "A modest but effective investment has allowed the oil giant to fuel doubt about global warming to delay government action just as Big Tobacco did for over 40 years."

In September 2006, Britain's leading scientific academy, the Royal Society, asked the company to stop supporting groups that "misrepresented the science of climate change." In response, ExxonMobil said that it funded groups that research "significant policy issues and promote informed discussion on issues of direct relevance to the company" but that such groups do not speak for the company.

No doubt feeling some heat, ExxonMobil issued a statement recently in response to an IPCC update: "There is increasing evidence that the Earth's climate has warmed on average about 0.6 C in the last century. Many global ecosystems, especially the polar areas, are showing signs of warming. CO2 emissions have increased during this same time period and emissions from fossil fuels and land use changes are one source of these emissions." The statement also acknowledged that "the risks to society and ecosystems could prove to be significant... it is prudent now to develop and implement strategies that address the risks..."

Whether the company is really ready to aggressively develop alternative energy sources like its competitors Shell and BP is yet to be seen. But environmental leaders share a guarded optimism that the tide is turning in their favor and that ExxonMobil will back up its words with action eventually.

CONTACTS: The Guardian, [www.guardian.co.uk/frontpage/story/0,2004399,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/frontpage/story/0,2004399,00.html); UCS Report, [www.ucsusa.org/news/press\\_release/ExxonMobil-GlobalWarming-tobacco.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press_release/ExxonMobil-GlobalWarming-tobacco.html); ExxonMobil,

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"Life is a Kaleidoscope" by Kathy Gade Whirity

This is not Kathy's column, this is a message by the editor, Annette Dixon. I have to congratulate Kathy

on her new book with the above title. With the compilations of stories reflecting life in general, this book gives the reader the joys and sadness of life.

You can get in touch with Kathy at P.O. Box 558223, Chicago, IL 60655 or visit Kathy's website [www.KathyWhirity.com](http://www.KathyWhirity.com). She may be having a book signing sooner than June or you can purchase a book through her for only \$11.95 plus shipping.



## Free Health Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free health screenings 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 9 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. Blood pressure screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department. Glaucoma screenings will be offered by Dr. Sandra Bury of Complete Vision Care in Oak Lawn.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, 708-422-4990.

### Free Computer Class: Library Research Databases

College students and others seeking trustworthy and credible sources for writing research papers can become skilled at using two

specialized electronic resources available at the Oak Lawn Public Library by attending a free computer class offered 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10. Register in advance by phone, 708-422-4990, or in-person at the library's Computer Center starting Saturday, May 5. Limit 15.

FirstSearch provides access to 15 online databases which Illinois residents can search free of charge to find books, periodical articles and other media in subject areas ranging from the arts and business to medicine and technology. Instruction will focus on the WilsonSelect and WorldCat databases.

EBSCOhost provides full text articles for more than 1,860 general reference, business, consumer health, general science and social science periodicals. This database also offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,800 additional periodicals.

Class participants must be skilled with using a mouse and keyboard.

For more information, call 708-422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St.

### Email Delivery of Library Newsletter

Find out what's going on at the Oak Lawn Public Library by subscribing for free email delivery of their bimonthly newsletter. Visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org))

## Goldman, Sachs & Co. Honored for Volunteering with Blue Cap

*Blue Cap to thank Goldman, Sachs & Co. with a Starlight Award May 2nd Blue Island, IL-*

One day a year since 2004, the good people of Goldman, Sachs & Co. have brought in volunteers and paid for materials to give Blue Cap homes a make-over. Their dedication and hard work are the reasons Blue Cap is honoring them with the Good Neighbor Starlight Award at the DoubleTree Hotel-Alsip on Wednesday, May 2nd.

"We want to thank Goldman Sachs for the wonderful volunteers and the great work that they do," said Dee Turner, Blue Cap's Associate Director of Residential Services. "It's great to see companies like Goldman Sachs giving back to the communities." Goldman, Sachs & Co., through its Community TeamWork (CTW) program, brings in about 10 volunteers every summer to perform various remodeling on Blue Cap's homes, which support people with developmental disabilities. Last year the workers painted the all the ladies bedrooms inside of one of the homes, and the women who lived there were grateful for the help. In the past, CTW volunteers have improved landscaping at the community residences by planting flowers and bushes.

Sometimes the people who live in the homes help out, and it gives some volunteers a chance to meet people with developmental disabilities. "These opportunities open people's minds and they realize that our folks can give back," says Marge Pyzik, Director of Adult Services. "When people work together there is gratification on both sides, and it makes people aware of who lives in their community." CTW gives employees one day off each year to volunteer in team-based projects coordinated with local non-profit agencies.

If you are interested in setting up a company volunteer opportunity call Jill Hart, Blue Cap's Volunteer Coordinator, at (708) 389-8137 ext. 303. Blue Cap is an agency dedicated to serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in Chicago and more than 30 south suburban communities. For more information on the organization or how to get involved, visit [www.blue-cap.org](http://www.blue-cap.org).

### Sign up for challenger little league

South West Special Recreation Association, an agency that provides programs for individuals with disabilities, is offering Challenger Little League for youth and teen from Alsip, Blue Island, Justice, Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights, Posen, Summit and surrounding communities. The program starts on Thursday, May 31st and

runs thru July 26th. The special fee for this program is \$25 for in-district participants which includes a uniform, hat and trophy! To register, or for more information, call 708-389-9423

## Something Old Something New

Dear Brides to Be:

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little novelties at little cost. Beautiful invitations give a great and wondrous kick off to a nice and perfect start.

Start your planning early and keep it simple and you will relieve the stress of the big day.

I want your wedding to be perfect. Good luck with your Prince. A heart that loves, bonds. Best Wishes.

Carlene O'Connor

## Mother's Day Brunch at Hilton

The Oak Lawn Hilton will host an extravagant Mother's Day Champaign Brunch, Sunday, May 13 from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Grand and Astoria Ballrooms. Live music, fresh flowers, ice carvings and entertainment are located in both ballrooms.

The extravagant buffet features numerous breakfast items, with custom omelets, a Belgian Waffle Station, a carving station with prime rib, ham and lamb, exciting seafood, salads and more. There is an entire Sweet Room devoted to desserts. Cost is adults \$34.95, Children 6-12 \$16.95, toddlers 3-5 \$9.95 and children under 2 free. Reservations are required. Call 708-229-8850.

Regular Sunday Breakfast buffet in Whitney's 7-10:30am. Adults \$13.50, children under 7 \$7.50. No reservations are required. Mother's Day Dinner will be served in Whitney's from 1-6pm. Reservations are required. Call Whitney's at 708-229-8888.

## New Officers installed for TOPS

At a special luncheon the following officers were installed for TOPS: Marianne Boncel, Leader, Edna Deal, Co-leader, Helen Stanton, Secretary, Bea Lamb, Treasurer, Audry McInemey, Weight Recorder and Ann Maleckas, Assistant Recorder.

The chapter meetings are every Tuesday morning at 10:30am until 11:40am at St. Gerald's, 93<sup>rd</sup> and Central, Oak Lawn. For more information call Marianne at 708-636-7965.

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# **LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY'S PATIENT RESOURCE CENTER BECOMES ONE OF A KIND WITH RECENT AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP**

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, in Evergreen Park, Ill., has partnered with the American Cancer Society to add additional services to the existing Cancer Resource Center.

An open house in the Cancer Resource Center was held on May 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This partnership will make American Cancer Society cancer education and complimentary services readily available to patients, families and area residents.

"Dealing with cancer is overwhelming even for the most courageous patients and families, but it doesn't have to be so difficult," said Dr. S. Javed Shirazi, medical director of radiation oncology at Little Company of Mary. "Providing ACS resources along with our Patient Advocate at the hospital can help cancer patients navigate through the maze of information and services that are set up to help them, but that too few patients are aware of or are able to access." Through the Center, area residents will have access to cancer information, education, support services, transportation and other resources. A Web-based and telephoned-based Patient Navigation Services system also is available to assist cancer patients and their families in addressing a wide range of needs.

Among the complimentary services: Road to Recovery, a program that provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments; Look Good...Feel Better, which focuses on the inner and outer beauty of women going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments; and Reach to Recovery, matching breast cancer survivors with newly diagnosed patients to provide constant encouragement and support.

"Patient Navigation Services fills a critical void in cancer care and social services by acting as a full-service navigator to anyone touched by cancer," said Chris Hensley, regional vice president, American Cancer Society. "We can connect cancer patients and their loved

ones to PATIENT RESOURCE CENTER national, state and local resources at any point in the cancer experience."

In addition to offering access to these patient services, the new Center also will enable patients to sit down with a patient advocate and discuss diagnoses, treatment options and financial services.

There is no charge to patients. "Both Little Company of Mary Hospital and the American Cancer Society have a common interest in improving the quality of life for cancer patients," said Beth Vaclavik, RN, MS, BC, OCN, manager, Little Company of Mary's Outpatient Oncology Services and American Cancer Society volunteer.

"We are extremely pleased to be collaborating with the American Cancer Society for the benefit of patients in our community." The Cancer Resource Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is staffed by a hospital patient advocate and volunteers trained by the American Cancer Society.

For more information about Little Company of Mary's Cancer Resource Center, call 708.229.4142. About Little Company of Mary Hospital The Cancer Center is ranked in the top 27 percent of the nation's cancer programs accredited by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. The Hospital's 33,000-square-foot cancer facility features private chemotherapy treatment bedrooms as well as sunlit chemotherapy treatment bays. The Center provides the latest in linear accelerator technology for radiation therapy, including IMRT, and a wide range of integrative therapy services - including massage, acupuncture and healing touch. Last Fall, Little Company of Mary also began performing High Dose Rate Brachytherapy (HDR) for prostate cancer patients HDR involves placing temporary radioactive catheters directly into the prostate with sophisticated computer planning to deliver the most precise radiation treatment available.

This technique allows us to maximize cancer treatment and minimize side effects. The Cancer Center's treatment modalities and programs reinforce the Hospital's commitment to the community's health and comprehensive cancer care.

About The American Cancer Society The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers

and staff fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer related information and to join the fight against cancer call 800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

## **BROTHER RICE SENIORS NAMED MERIT SCHOLARS**

Brother Rice High School seniors Ryan Fleharty (left) of Oak Lawn and Patrick Vail of Orland Park are congratulated by assistant principal Ed Maloney on being chosen 2007 National Merit Scholar Finalists. Fleharty and Vail were named Semifinalists in the fall. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the high-

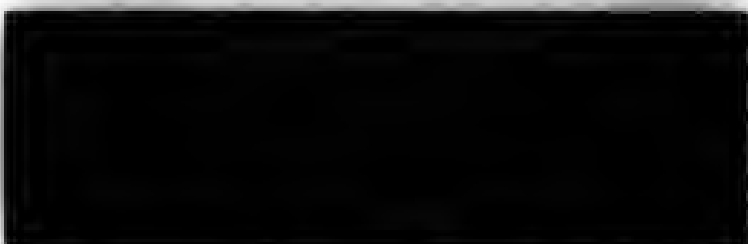
est scoring entrants in each state.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The Semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities. Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists advanced to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen this spring.

Fleharty has a grade point average of 4.03 and is ranked 43 out of 254 in his class. Vail has a G.P.A. of 4.92 and has been ranked #1 in his class for four years.



Pictured are left to right Nik Koulogorge, Ashley Szykowsky (standing), Daphne Vargas, Priya Patel, Samantha Garcia, and Samantha Gicrut.



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PAINS AND SHOWED YOU HOW TO USE YOUR  
BRAINS

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OR A VISIT WITH A HUG AND KISS, PLEASE MAKE  
THE TIME

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AND SOME ARE IN A NURSING HOME  
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BY SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR MOM FOR A  
WHILE

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Highlights of the day will feature local families modeling on the runway, chances to gather valuable prizes in the cash cube, skincare demonstrations, games and activities – including a miniature golf course, fast foot action with Dance, Dance Revolution, and prize drawings for Great America tickets, Mall gift certificates, brunch at Odyssey Country Club, a golf package and more. The fashion show – scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Mall's center court – will showcase

what's new and hot for summer, including formalwear for prom, graduation, weddings, or a big night on the town, Mother's and Father's Day fashions, and the latest seasonal styles for the whole family.

For the ladies, Estee Lauder and Lancome representatives from Carson's will offer skincare demonstrations throughout the day and About Your Face will sculpt perfect eyebrows.

Children will enjoy a caricaturist and airbrush face painter while Dad and Grandpa take a turn on the mini-golf course.

For more information about Lincoln Mall's Fashionably Fun Day, visit Lincoln Mall's website at [www.lincoln-mall.com](http://www.lincoln-mall.com) or call 708-747-5600.

Lincoln Mall is located at

Lincoln Highway (Rt. 30) and Cicero Avenue in Matteson.

### Moraine Valley meeting announcement

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, May 15.

A reorganization meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will follow immediately.

The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

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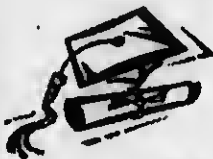
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## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for May 1<sup>st</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online at TheDailyPsychic.Com in AstroXtras & JackiMari.Com once again has weekly Celebrity Profiles for you...TelaFriend

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**Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo:** Someone is jealous of you & may try to influence others to be against you. Worry not! J aids.

**Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer:** This seems to be a weak week for most of you. Just stay busy, & be health conscious. S aids.

**Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius:** A man of much authority comes into your life. Pay attention to his "intentions." D aids.

**Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn:** Someone D or M has a lot to say or do in your life this week. Speak up for your rights.

**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** You can depend on your own psychic skills to get you ahead in financial matters.

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** Get back to those important basics in life. A new way of thinking & doing is needed.

**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** You must read the above message & add this: "can means you will when you want to."

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Miracles really do happen. You get what you image into your mind. You see it-believe it.

**Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces:** Many things have disappointed you in the past. Now, know that those things are over.

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Our First Live Podcast of "Beyond Logic" is scheduled for Sun June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10PM. Join us. It's like a radio-type X-Files, and I will answer questions on the air. Check with us for more information about it.

For 1 or 2 questions go online to ePSYCHICAnswers @ JackiMari.Com & Psychic House Parties are available [Host/Hostess can be free].

Psychic Mini-Sessions available from 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] 5-7. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only]. Speaking Engagements with Audience participation [Q & A].

#### Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers  
To Answer or not to Answer

Answering questions from readers is not always easy. A.A./Tinley Pk is admittedly an Americanized Iranian woman. She wears no formal headgear such as the women of Iran must do or face arrest for "improper" attire. She tells me that women showing their hair in public in her former country is offensive to their Islamic religion. She asked me to use psychic insight to answer "if Catholics who once were made to wear a hat or scarf to mass was any different than women who are forced to wear specific headgear in their countries." Actually, no, there is no difference when we look at rules, regulations and/or religious acceptances. The only difference is one does not have to remain a Catholic in the U.S.A.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Free Computer Class: Library Research Database

College students and others seeking trustworthy and credible sources for writing research papers can become skilled at using two specialized electronic resources available at the Oak Lawn Library by attending a free computer class offered 9-10:30am Thursday, May 10. Register by phone at 708-422-4990 or in person at the library's Computer Center starting May 5. Limit is 15.

First Search provides access to 15 online databases which Illinois residents can search free of charge to find books, periodical articles and other media in subject areas ranging from the arts and business to medicine and technology. Instruction will focus on the Wilson Select and World Cat databases.

EBSCOhost provides full text articles for more than 1,860 general reference, business, consumer health, and general science, and social science periodicals. This database also offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,800 additional periodicals. Class participants must be skilled at using a mouse and keyboard.

For more information, call 708-422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St.

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The Friends of Oak Lawn Library provided funding for the service. Before completing the subscription process, be sure to review the list of newsletters offering monthly book recommendations in more

than 20 categories. You will receive an email confirmation for each new subscription.

## Evergreen Park Youth Commission news

Jim Feltz, Director of the Evergreen Park Youth Commission, would like to thank all that contributed monetary donations to the Village Pantry Fund while attending the boys and girls Jr. High Basketball game.

This past year checks of \$213 from the girls and \$486 from the boys were issued to Director of Citizens Services, Jolene Churak to be used to purchase food and other necessities for those less fortunate in their village. During the last three years of the program, a total

of \$1893 has been collected for the worthy program.

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission is running an "Archery Clinic" for all you future Robin Hoods 12 years and older. Two one-hour classes on Friday, May 18 and 25 will teach you the fundamentals of archery. The fee for each 2-hour class is \$30. Only 6 'Merrymen' per class. Call 708-229-3377 to register and for more information.

## Hilton Renovation is completed

The Hilton Oak Lawn proudly announces the completion of a massive \$1 million renovation project. Rich new woodwork, lush carpeting, stylish draperies and elegant wall coverings now adorn the hotel's Grand and Astoria Ballrooms, the

12<sup>th</sup> Floor tower Room and all 15 meeting banquet rooms.

This extensive and stunning 'makeover' exemplifies the Hilton's commitment to excellence in all areas, while earning it the reputation of a first class, full service hotel.

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## Maria High School Alumnae reunion

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Maria High School, 6727 S California will host its annual reunion for classes ending in 2 and 7. The evening begins with a Mass honoring the memory of Socorra Sandoval '87 followed by a lively wine and cheese reception and dinner. During the mass, she will be inducted into the Maria Hall of fame. After Maria, Sandova continued her education at St Xavier University. At the time of her untimely death, Sandova was completing her 5<sup>th</sup> year as a bilingual teacher at Nightingale Elementary School. Her recognition is for the way as a product of immigrant parents, that she touched the life of her students.

It is appropriate at this time, for recognition, as the founding of the Sisters of St. Casimir is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Sisters continue to attend to the needs of this same community today on the southwest side of Chicago.

Rev. Thomas Mc Carthy OSA, President of St. Rita High school will be the main celebrant at the mass. Sandova's niece is a junior at Maria and her sister graduated is a Maria alumna.

During the dinner, prestigious alumnae including The Honorable Anne Burke '62 will be honored. Call Vakarie Roberts at 773-925-8686 ex 116 for tickets.

A morning of celebration and fellowship at the Motherhouse of St Casimir is planned beginning at 9<sup>30</sup>am mass. There is a brunch and fellowship with fellow classmates and the sisters. Call above for more details.

## Moraine Valley literacy tutor lives on in state leadership award

CeCe Tilsley dedicated more than 10 years of her life to tutoring others in reading, math and computers in Moraine Valley Community College's Literacy program. Her legacy was honored on April 21 by the Literacy Volunteers of Illinois when the organization dedicated its annual New Reader

Leadership Award to her. It will now be known as the CeCe Tilsley New Reader Leadership Award.

Tilsley began as a literary student at Moraine Valley in 1993, working her way through the Literacy program and eventually earning her GED in 2001. She then volunteered as a tutor in the program until her death in January. She also was a founding member of the New Readers for New Life of Illinois.

"Cece was a wonderful tutor who acted as a real student leader," said Megan Hughes, literacy coordinator. "She motivated students with her success, and she understood their struggles because they had been her own. With the naming of this award in her honor, she will continue to motivate students for years to come."

Moraine Valley's Literacy program recruits volunteers to tutor adults who read, write or compute math below the ninth-grade level or who are struggling to learn English in the college's English as a Second Language program. To volunteer or for more information, call Hughes at (708) 974-5331.

## St. Rita will hold baseball field dedication

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Avenue, will hold a dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am, for its newly renovated baseball field, prior to the St. Rita vs Fenwick baseball games (double header). To incorporate St. Rita's 102 year rich tradition into the new field, bricks from the old St. Rita High School at 63rd and Claremont Ave. were salvaged prior to its demolition in 2005, and were used to construct a brick, capped wall around the infield. One hundred year old masonry signage was also salvaged and incorporated into the brick wall. A bronze plaque with the names of the more than 300 donors of the renovation will be unveiled at the ceremony. The renovation also included a new pressbox, in-ground sprinkling system, state of the art scoreboard with clock, and outfield wall.

## St Rita High School holds their annual spring band concert

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., will hold their annual

Spring Band Concert and Senior Art Show on Wednesday, May 2nd, in the school auditorium and library at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$3 for adults;

## Mount Assisi Academy's National Honor Society Inducts New Members

Nineteen new members were inducted into Mount Assisi Academy's chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) in a ceremony held on Friday, April 20, in the school's Gymnasium. The NHS program serves to recognize students who excel academically and have contributed to their school and local community by way of character, leadership, service and citizenship.

Inductees include seniors Jennifer Dalcero (Chicago) and Brittany Hennigan (Chicago Ridge); juniors Natalie Bleka (Lemont), Cynthia De La Torre (Orland Park), Jessica Kelly (Worth), Breanne Rimkus (Homer Glen) and Allison Sheedy (Oak Lawn); and sophomores Samantha Ally (Chicago), Mary Beecher (Lemont), Mary Broadhurst (Oak Forest), Sara Daly (New Lenox), Danielle DeMeni (Lemont), Victoria Gott (Chicago), Leah Henrikson (Lemont), Jessica Kapustiak (Homer Glen), Elizabeth Pieta (Lyons), Angela Repel (Chicago), Samantha Simon (Evergreen Park) and Mary Sullivan (Chicago).

Current members are seniors Rachel Broadhurst (Oak Forest), Karyn Conerty (Palos Heights), Aimee Gasior (Chicago), Stephanie Herman (Chicago), Kelly Mueller (Tinley Park), Colleen Norwell (Orland Park), Lori Puchalski (Orland Park), Teresa Wolfenson (Orland Park), Kaity Worst (Shorewood) and Christina Yang (Lemont); and juniors Megan Culligan (Orland Park), Kaitlin Healy (Chicago), Julie Mlynarski (Palos Heights), Molly Napleton (Orland Park), Srividya Ranganathan (Lemont), Jennifer Richert (Orland Park), Kelsey Smolek (Palos Park) and Stefanie Smrokowski (Westmont).

2006-2007 NHS officers Puchalski, Wolfenson, Norwell, Smrokowski and Worst serve as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian, respectively. Moderated by Social Studies teacher Denise Iffland, the NHS program continues to promote, encourage and enact the qualities set forth by the organization.

Established in 1929 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, students must meet a minimum GPA requirement, exhibit various qualities pertaining to social service, and fulfill a set number of service hours in order to be selected and maintain membership into the organization. According to the program's official website, it is estimated that more than one million students in all 50 states participate in NHS activities.

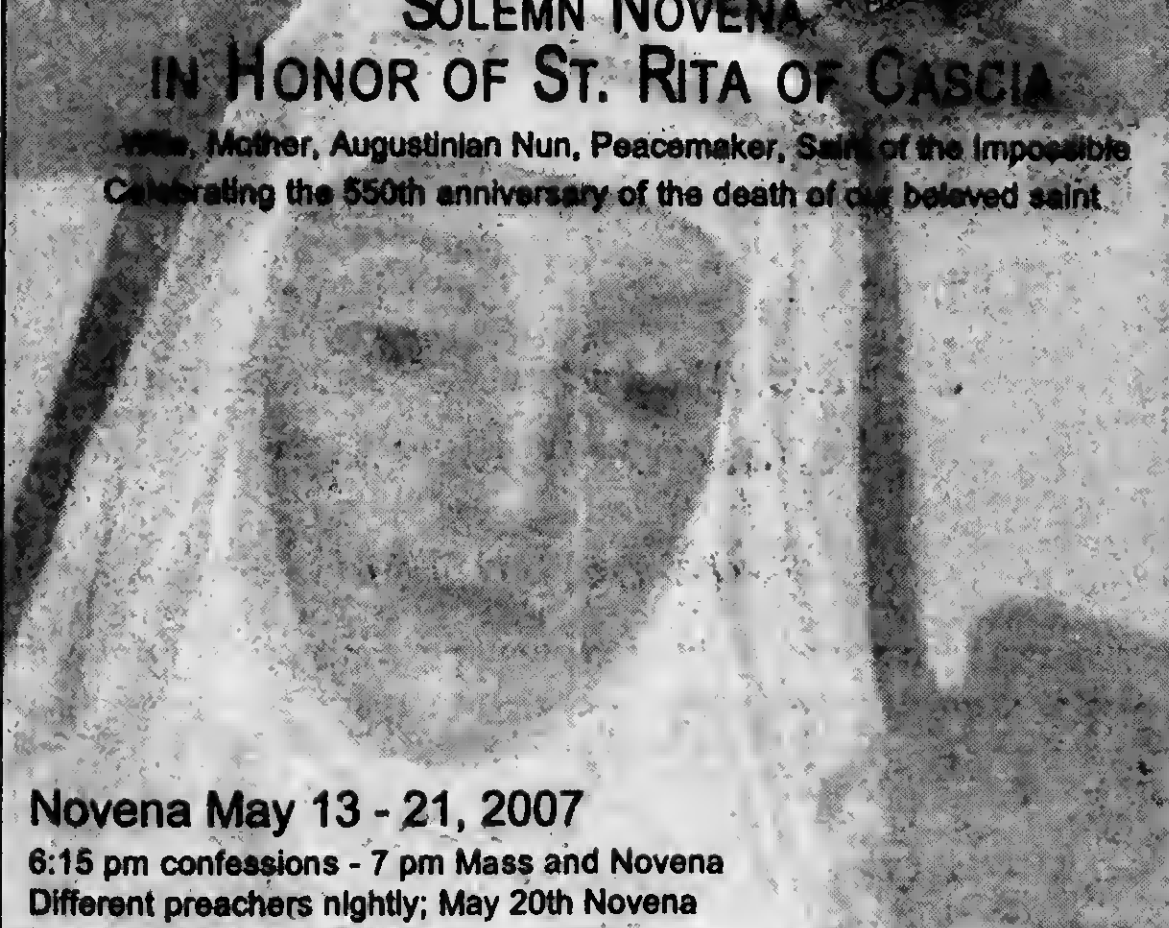
children twelve years and under, admission is free.

### Village View Staff

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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

The following, thought provoking poem is dedicated to all the Police Officers, Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, Emergency Flight Crews, Hospital Police, Security Officers and all Civil Servants who deal with the tragedies of life and death. The saddest of all, being those that could have been prevented. The author is unknown but greatly appreciated. I am thankful for the opportunity to share this powerful message with you.

### I WANT TO TELL YOU LIES!

I want to tell that little boy his Mom will be just fine  
I want to tell that dad we got his daughter out in time  
I want to tell that wife her husband will be home tonight  
I don't want to tell it like it is....  
I want to tell them lies.  
You didn't put their seat belts on, you feel you killed your kids  
I want to say you didn't ... but in a way, you did.  
You pound your fists into my chest, you're hurting so inside  
I want to say you'll be ok.....I want to tell you lies.  
You left chemicals within his reach and now it's in his eyes  
I want to say your son will sec. not tell you he'll be blind.  
You ask me if he'll be OK, with pleading in your eyes  
I want to say that yes he will.....I want to tell you lies.  
I can see you're crying as your life goes up in smoke.  
If you'd maintained that smoke alarm, your children may have woke.  
Don't grab my arm and ask me if your family is alive.  
Don't make me tell you they're all dead.....  
I want to tell you lies.  
I want to say she'll be okay, you didn't take her life  
I hear you say you love her and you'd never hurt your wife.  
You thought you didn't drink too much, you thought that you could drive.  
I don't want to say how wrong you were.....  
I want to tell you lies.  
You only left her for a moment, it happens all the time.  
How could she have fallen when you thought she couldn't climb.  
I want to say her neck's not broke, that she will be just fine.  
I don't want to say she's paralyzed.....  
I want to tell you lies.  
I want to tell this teen his buddies didn't die in vain  
Because he thought it would be cool to try and beat that train.  
I don't want to tell him this will haunt him all his life  
I want to say that he'll forget.....  
I want to tell him lies.  
You left the cabinet open and your daughter found the gun.  
Now you want me to undo the damage that's been done.  
You tell me she's your only child, you say she's only five.  
I don't want to say she won't see six.....  
I want to tell you lies.  
He fell into the pool when you went to grab the phone.  
It was only for a second that you left him there alone.  
If you'd let the phone just ring perhaps your boy would be alive.  
But I don't want to tell you that.....  
I want to tell you lies.  
The fact that you were speeding caused that car to overturn  
And we couldn't get them out of there before the whole thing burned.  
Did they suffer? Yes, they suffered, they were slowly burned alive  
But I don't want to say those words.....I want to tell you lies.  
But I have to tell it like it is, until my shift is through  
And then the real lies begin, when I come home to you. You ask me how my day was,  
and I say it was fine  
I hope you understand, sometimes.....I have to tell you lies.  
Dedicated to all the Police Officers, Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics,  
Emergency Flight Crews, Hospital Police, Security Officers and all Civil  
Servants who deal with the tragedies of life and death. The saddest of  
all, being those that could have been prevented. Wear your seat belts.  
Keep poisons, flammables, fireworks, etc. out of reach of children.  
Keep your smoke alarm in operating order, if you don't have one, get one.  
Never, ever drive if you've been drinking. Never leave your toddler unattended.  
Teens, be responsible drivers, obey all traffic lights, posted limits,  
warning signs and signals at RR crossings.  
Keep your guns locked and out of reach, buy a trigger guard.  
And the next time you hear a siren in the distance,  
don't just say a prayer for the victims and their families.  
Say a prayer for the people that face these tragedies  
every day and do the best they can to save someone that is loved.  
We never see the tears of these brave men and women, but God does.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get when you don't.  
(Pete Seeger.)

## Celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month with Avada Hearing Care Centers and the American Speech- Language Hearing Association

Since 1927, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association celebrates Better Hearing and Speech Month each May. This month of awareness is a good time to analyze your own hearing and determine if you are one of the estimated 28 million Americans who have a hearing loss that can be treated. You may have a hearing loss if you:

- \* frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- \* hear people speaking but don't understand what is said
- \* understand speech better when looking directly at the person speaking
- \* lose your place in group conversations
- \* keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- \* have ringing or other noises in your ears

"People who see themselves in these statements should see an audiologist or licensed hearing professional for a hearing test," says Tonya Barlow, M.A., CCC-A, Director of Audiology of Avada Hearing Care Centers in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Even a very slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life," continued Barlow. "Hearing loss is treatable and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life."

According to hearing healthcare professionals, annual hearing checkups are recommended for those individuals age 45 and over.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific and credentialing association for more than 114,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists.

With over 200 offices nationwide, Avada Hearing Care Centers, the operating subsidiary of Hearing Healthcare Management, Inc. (HHM), has maintained a reputation for providing quality products and caring service—it is the standard in each of its communities. Each day, every Avada practitioner strives to live up to the Avada Hearing Care Mission Statement: to serve the hearing impaired with the highest degree of professionalism, technology and service available.

To celebrate "Better Hearing and Speech", Avada Hearing Care Centers will be offering free hearing screenings during the month of May. If you are over the age of 45 and have not had a hearing screening in the last twelve months, you are encouraged to call your nearest Avada Hearing Care Center for a free hearing screening and private consultation. For more information about Avada and its services, visit [www.avada.com](http://www.avada.com).

## Library Foundation Holds Jewel- Osco "Shop & Share" Campaign

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will hold a Jewel-Osco "Shop & Share" campaign Monday through Wednesday, May 7, 8 and 9 to raise funds for the library's new Local History Room.

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### Gordon Biersch Brewery comes to a western suburb by Annette Dixon

Bolingbrook was honored by having the only Gordon Biersch Brewery in Illinois.

This is not just the ordinary brewery, it is also a full menu restaurant with better than average food.

Last week Gordon Biersch Brewery and Restaurant opened in the new mall in Bolingbrook at 639 East Boughton Rd and sampling appetizers was my delight. My favorite was the crispy artichoke hearts, topped with Parmesan cheese and served with lemon aioli.

If you are looking for a unique salad, try the

Hummus and Goat Cheese Salad over warm Herb Flatbread with Marzen Vinaigrette. You can also add grilled chicken or grilled salmon for an extra cost.

For that Friday evening night, pizza and beer go together.

Gordon Biersch is a brewery which means that have those special beers like Swartz, which tastes like

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## Pegasus Players present The Frogs

Pegasus Players concludes its 28<sup>th</sup> season with the Midwest premiere of the hit musical *The Frogs*, written by Burt Shevelove and Nathan Lane with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The production runs April 27 to June 3, 2007 at Truman College, Pegasus Players home in the O'Rourke Center swimming pool, 1145 W Wilson, Chicago.

Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. For tickets call the box office at 773-878-9761. Senior, Student and group discounts are available. Pegasus Players have been around for 28 years.

## Collaboration announces 2007 season

Collaboration announces 2007 season and it includes "The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow" by Rolin Jones, "Sketchbook Seven Festival at the Steppenwolf Garage that is a festival of short plays, visual art and music. It runs from June 3 to July 1, 2007. Past festivals have featured numerous artists known in Chicago.

A world premiere "El Grito Del Bronx" by Migdalla Cruz is co-produced with Teatro Viista. Anthony Moseley directs the production scheduled for fall 2007.

## CST announces 21<sup>st</sup> season

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre announces the 21<sup>st</sup> season programming for 2007-08. Included in the schedule are "The Comedy of Errors (directed by Barbara Gaines), "Othello" (directed by Stratford Festival Artistic Director, designate, Marti Maraden) and "Cymbeline" (directed by Barbara Gaines), by William Shakespeare and France's "Au revoir, parapluie" (Goodbye Umbrella) by James Thierree

in an American premiere. The World's Stage Series continues with the Canadian Shaw Festival in the production of "Saint Joan" by Bernard Shaw directed by Shaw Festival Artistic Director, Jackie Maxwell. Gary Griffin directs "Passion", Stephen Sondheim's hymn to romantic obsession.

The World Stage Series concludes with Peter Brook's production of "Fragments" based on texts by Samuel Beckett in its American premiere.

This summer CST's Family Series continues to entertain families with two CST family favorites "How You Can Run with a Shell on Your Back? An Aesop's Fables Musical" and "Short Shakespeare! The Taming of the Shrew."

Teen Shakespeare, CST's arts-in-education program will stage "Romeo and Juliet." The program has introduced theatre to more than 50,000 each year. For more information on CST visit the website at [www.chicagoshakes.com](http://www.chicagoshakes.com). The box office number for tickets is 312-595-5600.

## Noble Fool Theatricals update

Noble Fool Theatricals' Off-Broadway hit "The Musical of Musicals: The Musical" extends through July 21, 2007 on Pheasant Run's main stage. It has broken box-office records. Show times are Thursday and Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5 and 8:30pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets are \$27-\$37. Dinner show packages run \$46-\$56 depending on day.

"The Complete Work of William Shakespeare (abridged) will be relocated to the Pheasant Run studio Theatre from May 2-June 9, 2007. Tickets are \$27. Shows are Thursday-Saturday. Dinner show and overnight packages are available.

Pheasant Run is located 4052 E. Main Street in St. Charles.

For tickets call the box office at 630-584-6342 or for performance information visit the web at [www.noblefool.org](http://www.noblefool.org).

## Steppenwolf celebrates history

by Marijo Doody

Anne Frank was one of the most well known historical persons of the last century. Her story of the family's experience and survival were told in her diary. Steppenwolf's current production "Diary of Anne Frank" revisits a time of courage of Jewish people in a historical time of terror.

Steppenwolf's Artistic Director, Martha Lavey, indicated the play should be considered for student audiences. It gives a rich opportunity for ensemble acting and also needs to be seen by the general audience.

Director Tina Landau traveled to Amsterdam to research the events that underline the play. She was in the house, the hiding place and the secret annex. She could feel and imagine Anne behind the window, which she could see but not feel the trees, the light and the sound. They could not leave the annex.

On the walls of the Frank's room were markings where the parents had measured their daughters Anne and Margot growth in pencil lines as well as the Normandy maps where Otto Frank recorded the allied invasion with pins. They had a radio in the annex. Anne's room had glued pictures of Norma Shearer, Ray Milland and Shirley Temple.

In the play the audiences the eight people in the annex full of a distorted life because of circumstances of death all around. Then in a flash the SS come and they are gone!

Light, darkness and sound are pronounced! The truck motor, the box car is closing, the train whistles and the train goes with them to their destiny in the concentration camps. Otto is the only survivor.

Anne played by Oak Park River Forest High School senior; Claire Elizabeth Saxe is fresh, lovely and accomplished. This is Claire's first time with Steppenwolf. We wish her well in college. Claire and with Otto (played by Yasen Peyankov) have many marvelous moments. The Steppenwolf ensemble players as always are good, but sometimes stiff.

Kudos to lighting designer Scott Zielinski as the effect on stage is exquisite. In the production the memory of the people was kept alive and the audience could reach across oceans, time, barriers and places. The world hasn't changed much! Their nothingness is enough to keep us watching.

Diary of Anne Frank runs through June 10. Call the box office at 312-335-1650 for tickets.

## Hubbard & Joffrey Ballet announce changes

by Marijo Doody

The two major Chicago ballet companies, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Joffrey Ballet recently held their spring programming and announced Artistic Director Gerald Arpino of Joffrey is retiring and they are actively looking for a replacement.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) has named a new Executive Director, Jason Palmquist, formerly with the Washington Ballet. He succeeds Gail Kalvor, who in September announced her decision to make 2006-07 her last season after 23 years.

Palmquist has extensive experience in arts administration serving with Washington Ballet and Vice President Dance Administration at the John F Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, which fostered many programs.

HSDC Board Chair Karen H. Lennon indicated "Palmquist impressive background and experience make him an excellent choice to take on the administrative leadership of Hubbard Street as he has effectively managed a company of similar size and programming. His vast experience provides him with a keen understanding of our strengths and opportunities and we are so pleased to have him join us."

## Stage Door Dance Makes Top 50 List

Stage Door Dance Academy was recently named by Dance Spirit and Dance Teacher Magazine as one of "The Top 50 Noteworthy Dance Studios" in the U.S. based on their outstanding competition record, sportsmanship, creativity and true passion for dance.

"It is a real honor for us to receive this recognition. We are proud of our staff and of the artistic environment we create for children so that they can grow in a safe, healthy and positive haven," commented Debbie Scarpetti, Owner and Artistic Director of Stage Door Dance Academy.

The Stage Door Performance Company has begun another successful competition season, earning top honors at the Tremaine and LA Dance Force (LADF) dance competitions.

In February, the Company attended the 2-day Tremaine dance convention at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Their production number, "Lean on Me," earned first place and highest score honors in the Teen Division, and their second production number, the nationally recognized "Wonkafied," earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place to "Lean on Me," and the award for "Best Showmanship". Both dances were performed by the full Company and choreographed by Kate Scarpetti, Performance Company Director, and Jean Marquez.

Other awards at Tremaine included First Place and Highest Score awards in the Junior Division for "Time Warp," which features the youngest members of the Company.

Sandburg Senior Jessica Maggiore, Orland Park, earned a convention scholarship, and stand-out Chrissy Rubino, a Sandburg senior from Palos Park, was selected as a Tremaine Assistant earlier in the year and was featured in the closing performance at the convention.

In March, the troupe brought home more top honors when they attended the LA Dance Force (LADF) Regional Competition in Chicago. "Lean on Me" earned a Platinum award, along with an award for "Teen Best Overall Company," and "Teen DanceForce Champion". "Time Warp" earned a Gold Award, along with "Junior DanceForce Champion" and "Most Entertaining" awards. The Senior ballet performance, "Echo," choreographed by Yael Levitan, earned a Gold Award and the "Best Overall" award in the Senior Division. The Company's six other dances earned Gold Awards.

LADF awarded Convention scholarships to: Emily Chmura, Orland Park; Clare McIntyre, Orland Park; Matina Halikias, Palos Park; Erin Nolan, Orland Park; and Natalie Polk, Palos Park. Home Studio Scholarships, which provide funds for students to take classes at their own studio, were awarded to: Alexa Kruchten, Orland Park; and Julia Organ, Homer Glen. In addition, scholarships to study at the Edge Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles were awarded to Karli Bieniek, Palos Park; Alexa Dazzo, Palos Park; and Sierra Boepple, Mokena.

"I am very proud of each and every dancer in our Company," commented Kate Scarpetti, who was named Performance Company Director earlier this year. "The girls we have here are hard working, disciplined and a joy to be around. Their love for dance is evident at every rehearsal and performance"

The Performance Company will participate in two other regional competitions over the next two months, and will conclude the dance year at the Studio's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Production on June 17 at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. Stage Door Dance Academy is located at 15801 S. Oak Park Avenue in Oak Forest. For more information, please call 708-687-7418.



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**BRUNO AMERIO RISATTI**  
Age 92. Beloved Husband of Catherine nee Gulla. Lovin father of Jeanette (Thomas) Viehman and Bruno (Rita) Risatti. Passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. Family and friends will be notified of a Memorial Service which will be held at a later date. Member of the American Legion of Evergreen Park. Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie Evergreen Park, IL 60805

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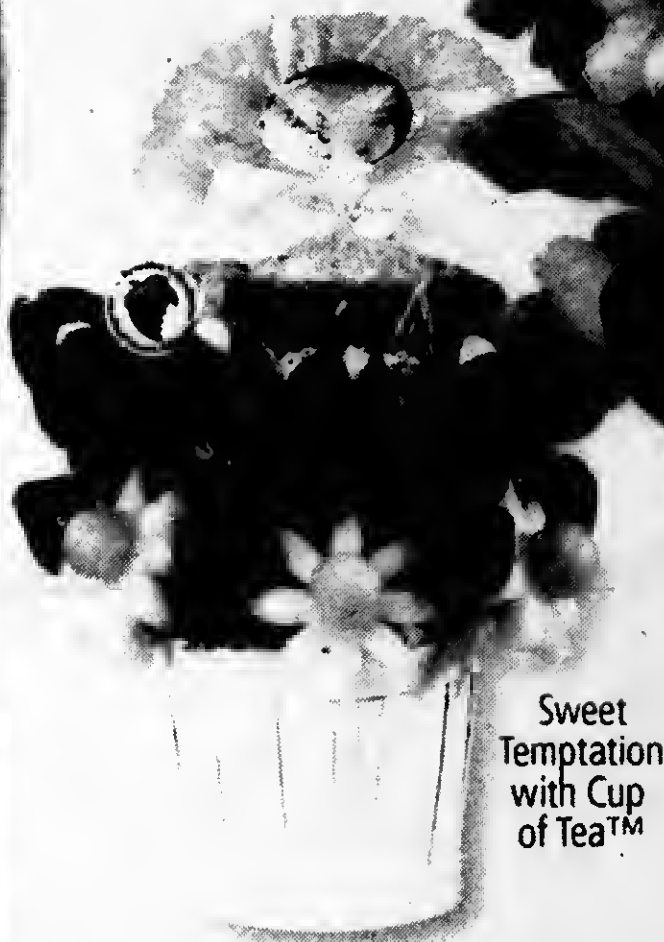
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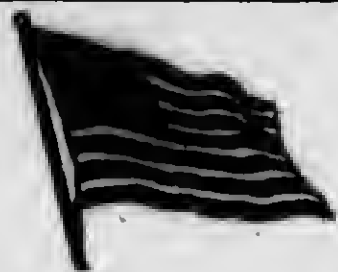
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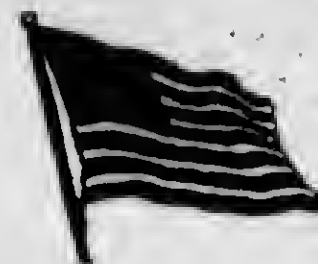
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## Oak Forest announces election of President to IFSAP

The Oak Forest Fire Department is proud to announce the election of Lisa Alfaro to the position of President to the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals. Her induction took place at an annual meeting held at Klein Creek Golf Club in Winfield, Illinois on April 20, 2007.

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Lisa began working for the City of Oak Forest in 2000 as an Administrative Assistant to Chief Lindsay Laycoax. Since then she also became the Administrative Secretary to MABAS 24 Third District Fire Chiefs Association, consisting of 24 area departments. We, the members of the Oak Forest Fire Department, would like to congratulate Lisa and wish her the best of luck throughout her term as President.

## Acorn Library announces activity in May

The Library's Oak Forest Community Day program in honor of the 60th Anniversary year of the incorporation of the city of Oak Forest will be on Thursday, May 10, 2007, 7:00 PM. There will be representatives from some civic organiza-

tions extending their best wishes to the community and briefly sharing some information concerning their respective groups that will hopefully help nurture the continued growth and excellence of our Oak Forest Community! Someone from the Acorn Public Library's Friends Group will be there as well as Dr. Larry W. Wilson, an Educator from the University of Illinois Extension, Community and Economic Development Section. The final portion of the evening will be an audiovisual presentation on "Herb Gardening" given by a master gardener from the University of Illinois Extension. Come Share in the Celebration—an enjoyable mixture of entertainment, information, refreshments and Surprises!

### 2) SATURDAY, MAY 19TH, 2007 2:00 PM CLASSICAL GUITAR WITH IRVING WILKINS

The Friends of the Acorn Public Library are kicking off their membership drive this year at our springtime performance: "Classical Guitar with Irving Wilkins" on Saturday, May 19th, 2007 at 2:00 PM. Mr. Wilkins has been playing the classical guitar since age 18. He studied for six years with renowned classical guitarist, Richard Pick. As a member of the then Chicago Guitar Society Mr. Wilkins played many recitals, including solo concerts at the Encore Theater in Chicago's Old Town and at the Chicago Public Library. He has performed a Vivaldi Concerto for Guitar and Strings with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Harvey, and at numerous other venues. Let yourself relax and enjoy selections from five centuries of classical guitar.

### 3) THURSDAY, MAY 24TH, 2007 7:00 PM HONORING OUR VETERANS A PHOTOGRAPHER OF WORLD WAR II REMEMBERS

A program "Honoring Our Veterans" will be presented on Thursday, May 24th, 2007 at 7:00 pm by our library's photographer Mr. Henry Van Westrop. As a resident of Oak Forest, Mr. Van Westrop owned and operated a successful photography studio in the area for many years. As an "official unofficial" army photographer in the Pacific Theater during World War II, Mr. Van Westrop has some tremendous photographs and stories to share with us (some possibly reminiscent of stories revealed in the recent film, "Flags of our Father").

### 4) SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2007 2:00 PM COOL IN THE WATER!

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"The objective of the Open Lands Commission is to preserve open space in the village," explained Village Trustee Kathy Fenton.

The Village Board liaison to the commission. "What better way to raise money for open lands than to highlight the many open spaces that have been beautified by Orland Park residents?" she asked.

The Orland Park Garden Walk begins at the Orland Park Civic Center where attendees will pick up the tour programs, enjoy musical entertainment provided by Carl Sandburg High School Honors Strings Quartet, light complimentary refreshments and featured speakers offering gardening tips. Patrons will also be able to shop the outdoor boutique vendors that will be set up on the Civic Center grounds. Vendors include those from the landscaping industry, as well as specialty vendors offering unique items for purchase.

The public is invited to donate old and gently used garden books and magazines that will be available for sale at a nominal price at the Garden Walk. Donations may be dropped off at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds benefit Open Lands of Orland Park Six residential gardens and one village-maintained garden will be featured on the tour. Optional transportation will be

available. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the event. Tickets will be available after May 1 at the Cashier's Office in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, Jim Melka's Landscape & Garden Center, 11606 West 179th Street, and at Every Bloomin' Thing, 7648 West 159th Street.

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## National Tourism Day Celebration

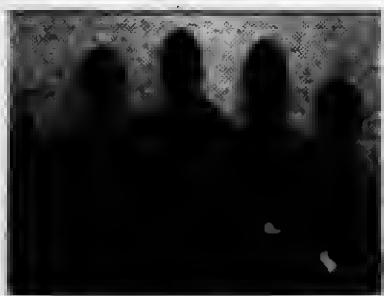
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There will be food, refreshments, music, camaraderie, networking and a silent auction.



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## St Christopher School opens morning session

St Christopher School, 14611 S. Keeler Ave., Midlothian is proud to announce the opening of a morning session for the 2007-08 school year. The morning session runs from 8:10am to 11am and if need arises an afternoon session will open.

The three- year- old can attend on Tuesday and Thursday for \$57 per month tuition. Four- year- old can attend Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for \$73 per month tuition. Five-day sessions may be available. Please check the web at [www.stchrisschool.org](http://www.stchrisschool.org).

Mr. Johnson, the principal will welcome you for a personal tour of the school. Please call at 708-385-8776 for an appointment or questions.

## Jungle Jack Hanna brings show to Center Performing Arts GSU

Jungle Jack Hanna, host of the longest-running and most-watched syndicated wild life television show is coming locally. "Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures" and one of America's most beloved naturalists and adventurers brings his live show featuring some of his favorite animal friends, personal stories and hilarious video footage to The Center For Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, May 19 at 5pm.

Jungle Jack Hanna was invited to appear on ABC's Good Morning America in 1983 and has since appeared regularly on Letterman, Larry King Live, Hollywood Squares and other venues. Hanna got his first job at 11 working for his family vet in Knoxville, Tenn. In 1973 he directed his first zoo. In 1978 he moved to the Executive Director of the Columbus Zoo to 1992. They offered many educational and entertaining events. He is Director Emeritus since 1993 and remains active with his

wife in the community.

Hanna has published an autobiography, 'Monkeys on the Interstate' as well as many other books. He was granted an honorary PhD from three colleges and universities. He is currently working on a new television series expected to air in fall 2007.

Tickets are \$30-40 adults and \$15-20 children 16 and under. Call the box office 708-235-2222. Parking is free. Governors State University is located One University parkway in University Park.

## Questions asked regarding taking a Spouse's Name from the Title of Our Home

The question most asked at community forums and outreach events is, "how do I remove my deceased spouse's name from the title to our home?" The reality is that the decedent's name is not removed from the chain of title, but his or her absence is explained by way of Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit.

The Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit is given under oath and requires the following information; (1) the affiant (the person swearing to the information) was acquainted with the deceased who was one of the owners of the land at his/her time of death. (2) The death of the deceased is evidenced by a certified copy of his/her Death Certificate which is attached. (3) Identify the county in which the land is located and provide the legal description.

The integrity of the chain of title to your homes her real estate is guarded with great prejudice by the Recorder of Deeds office, especially in this technological age in which we live. We continue to employ and maintain our grantor (the person of entity selling or gifting the real estate), grantee (the person on entity receiving the real estate) indexes, which were previously manually maintained but now computerized. Our office and the public must be able to

determine how a document or recording entered the chain of title. The Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit and the certified copy of the decedent's death certificate are both filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office in the county where the real estate is located. Upon the filing of the above documents the surviving Joint-Tenant then owns the property in severalty (alone) and may exercise any and all rights with respect to the property. When the chain of title is later examined the absence of the joint-tenant is explained by way of the Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit.

The Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit also requires information other than the information enumerated above, but the information will depend on the particular circumstances of the decedent and affiant. A copy of the Deceased Joint Tenancy Affidavit can be obtained from a stationary store or from Chicago Title Insurance Company.

## Congressional Consensus:

A Sixth Success at Peace On April 24, seven Queen of Peace St. Catherine of Siena Scholars took to the podium to defend four years of research at the sixth annual Catherine Congress. The Catherine program, is an innovative academic opportunity for Peace students to collaborate with a mentor and engage in research over and above their regular course of study.

The program promotes the emulation of St. Catherine of Siena as a model of bold, unconventional, peacemaking behavior. Catherine was among the first women saints to be declared a doctor of the Catholic Church. The Congress portion of the program is crafted to reflect an academic experience similar to those faced by undergraduates.

The most significant difference may be that the Catherine program is not required. The topics presented by the seniors at the Congress varied greatly. Jennifer Baron (Justice) studied the treatment of children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in a mainstream classroom

setting. Sylvia Chlebek presented on the various causes of depression in women. Cara Gallagher spoke on the importance of human dignity in caring for the elderly. Valerie Martyka (Burbank) focused on the art of dance and the role dance plays in the development of eating disorders in young women. Nicole Paprocki (Oak Lawn) focused on vegetarianism as a natural option to prevent and treat disease. Meggan Stanton (Oak Lawn) discussed the lengths some will undergo to fulfill society's definition of physical perfection. Annabella Vidal-Ruiz presented on the balance between animal and human compassion in regards to animal testing.

One of the greatest benefits to the students, is the chance to work side by side with a mentor. Baron, for example, was mentored by Vi Bosworth, Special Education teacher at Walter S. Christopher School in Chicago. Gallagher was able to receive guidance from Mary Robak, Nurse Education Coordinator for The Moorings of Arlington Heights.

Other senior mentors included family therapist Christy Billups, Dr. Julie Chodacki of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dr. Phillip Cronic of Chicago State University, Peace alum Anne Doorhy, Dr. Stephanie Draus of Stellaria Natural Health, Leah Duszynski from the Office of Catholic Schools, Peace counselor Heather Saylor, professor of Iranian affairs Paul Vieille, Yvonne Woulfe of Camp Saguwaa Nature Reserve, and Patricia Zamora of the Chicago Public Schools.

The frosh, sophomore, and junior Catherine candidates had the chance to hear the seniors' presentations and then shared their project topics for the group.

The subjects ranged from the National Park Service and capital punishment, to teen magazines and drunk driving issues.

Without a doubt, the next Catherine Congress will continue to demonstrate, not only Queen of Peace's encouragement of students, to question the status quo, but also the school's commitment to encourage all students in the pursuit of excellence both inside the classroom and beyond.



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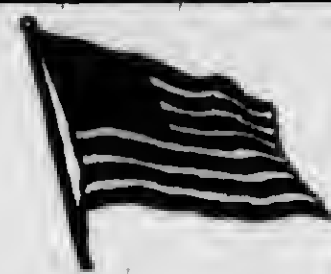
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## Palos Heights hosting gala day

The City of Palos Heights is hosting a Gala at Lake Katherine Clubhouse, (2 blks west of Harlem on Route 83) from 7 to 10pm on Tuesday, July 3.

This special event runs in conjunction with the City's annual Independence Day Celebration. Fees for the Gala are \$30 per adult, \$20 per child, and \$50 per couple and include beer, wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and reserved parking, as well as prime seating for the Independence Day fireworks display.

Participants in the Gala will also have the opportunity to participate in the City's silent auction and bid on products and services donated from local businesses and organizations.

For more information regarding the City of Palos Heights' Independence Day Gala, call the Recreation Department at (708) 361-1807.

## Sponsorship available for Heights celebration

The City of Palos Heights is offering sponsorship opportunities for area businesses for the annual Independence Day Celebration to be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 76th Avenue and Rt. 83 (College Drive).

Four different sponsorship levels are available from which to choose for those businesses looking to increase their visibility and involvement within the Palos Heights community. Levels range from \$150 to \$950 and include a variety of benefits to the business and/or organization.

The annual Independence Day Festival hosted by the City of Palos Heights attracts over 5,500 people during the course of the event and operates from 4pm until midnight. It features an assortment of activities and entertainment for all ages, including picnic games, inflatable attractions, DJ, food and beer tent, and a fireworks display. Sponsorship fees are used to offset Celebration expenses.

For more information regarding City of Palos Heights Independence Day Celebration sponsorship opportunities for businesses, call Corey Bergamo, Committee Chairperson, (708) 212-1342 or Mindi Wuest, Recreation Coordinator (708) 480-3055.

## Palos Heights celebrating the 4th of July with a parade

The City of Palos Heights is hosting a parade which will begin at Palos Bank and Trust, 12600 S. Harlem Avenue and travel north down Harlem until Rt. 83/ College Drive on Wednesday, July 4 beginning at 10:00am.

Local organizations and clubs, including scout troops, service groups, neighborhood associations, and marching bands are invited to participate in this special holiday event.

For more information regarding the City of Palos Heights' Independence Day Parade or to register a group, call the Recreation Department at (708) 361-1807.

## Lipinski Helps Pass Bills to Promote American Competitiveness and Jobs

Legislation Supports Science and Math Teachers and Innovation Research

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski, Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, helped pass H.R. 362, the "10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds" Science and Math Scholarship Act, and H.R. 363, the Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act, two pieces of an Innovation Agenda that will spur economic growth and jobs.

These measures will increase the number of highly qualified math and science teachers in grades K through 12 (H.R. 362) and support young researchers to foster the most innovative scientific research (H.R. 363).

"Numerous studies show that American students lag behind most developed countries in math and science performance, and our country continues to fall behind in the ratio of undergraduate science and engineering degrees," explained Lipinski. "Investing in the education of our youth in math, science, and engineering is essential. These bills will help prepare our children for the careers of the future and will help America remain economically vibrant."

H.R. 362, cosponsored by Vice Chairman Lipinski, enacts the foremost recommendation of the National Academies' report *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*: improve K-12 math and science education. H.R. 362 would expand the Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program at the National Science Foundation (NSF),

creating thousands of new teachers in the math and science fields. The bill would also create summer institutes and graduate programs that provide sustained, content-oriented professional development to teachers through Mat Science Partnerships at NSF.

"As a former college professor and one of only a handful of members of Congress with an engineering degree, I have a unique perspective on these issues," said Lipinski. "I have often talked to my wife, Judy, who has a Ph.D. in math, about the teachers who inspired us."

I will always remember how my high school calculus teacher, Father Thul, inspired me in math, and how my high school physics teacher, Father Fergus, inspired me to pursue a degree in engineering. It is vital that we provide ample support to our science and math teachers to continue inspiring more students."

"There is nothing more important to our future than to have the best math and science teachers available to inspire and guide our next generation of leaders in science and industry," stated Dennis Kelly, Superintendent of Lyons Township High School. "H.R. 362 targets the problem and offers viable solutions to solving our current shortage of teachers in key areas."

Many school districts are finding it increasingly difficult to find excellent math and science teachers. This legislation will help expand the numbers of highly qualified teachers in math and science in our school districts. It is the right thing to do at the right time – now."

Accompanying H.R. 362 is the Sowing the Seeds Through Science and

## Palos Heights holds juried art exhibit from students

"Kids Create" juried art exhibit at the Palos Heights Library (April 20 – 28, 2007) is exhibiting the artwork of 22 sixth grade students from St. Patricia School.

Anyone can go to see the beautiful artwork at the library, which is located at 125th St. and 71st Ave. in Palos Heights (next door to St. Alexander School).

The students exhibiting artwork are as follows: Molly Alberts, Ivana Babic, Samantha Benck, Nikki Bouck, Dan Buss, Nicole Certa, Allison Conrad, Jill Conrad, Emily Frain, Justin Gilmore, Chelsea Hands, Dee Mannella, Antoinette Mannella, Andrea Mitrofski, Katie Morgan, Anna Nowaczyk, Aileen O'Carroll, Allison Peters, Katy Przybylski, Tasha Setia, Thomas Staszal, and Hayley Tiffin.

Engineering Research Act (H.R. 363), which is intended to support our next generation of scientists and engineers. H.R. 363 would administer awards to outstanding early-career researchers in academia and in nonprofit research organizations; provide graduate research assistantships in areas of national need; and establish a national coordination office to prioritize university and national research infrastructure needs.

"To ensure our nation's future economic competitiveness, we must provide the resources necessary to sustain a strong research enterprise and nurture the development of new scientists and engineers," Lipinski stated. Both bipartisan bills now advance to the Senate for consideration.

## Brother Rice senior named Eagle Scout

Brother Rice High School senior Matthew Kwain of Palos Heights was recently named an Eagle Scout. A member of Palos Heights Scout Troop #337, Matt has been in scouting for seven years. As a requirement to being named to scouting's highest rank, Matt performed a community service project. He chose to initiate a toy drive for Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. The drive brought in 12 boxes of toys that were distributed to the kids. Upon graduation, Matt is headed to Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin where he will study graphic design.

## Passport Faire

Go around the world from around the corner. Submit your passport application at a Postal Service event near you. It is on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 9am to 3pm at the Chicago Ridge Post Office, 10525 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge.

Bring the following items with you: passport application (available at Post office), proof of US citizenship, proof of identity, two identical passport photos (must show accurate likeness) and passport fees. If you do not have passport photos the service is offered for \$15.

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## Free Computer Class: Library Research Database

College students and others seeking trustworthy and credible sources for writing research papers can become skilled at using two, specialized electronic resources available at the Oak Lawn Library by attending a free computer class offered 9-10:30am Thursday, May 10. Register by phone at 708-422-4990 or in person at the library's Computer Center starting May 5. Limit is 15.

First Search provides access to 15 online databases which Illinois residents can search free of charge to find books, periodical articles and other media in subject areas ranging from the arts and business to medicine and technology. Instruction will focus on the Wilson Select and World Cat databases.

EBSCOhost provides full text articles for more than 1,860 general reference, business, consumer health, and general science and social science periodicals. This database also offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,800 additional periodicals. Class participants must be skilled at using a mouse and keyboard.

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## Friends of Oak Lawn Library fund service

Email delivery of Library Newsletter? Find out what's going on at the Oak Lawn Library by subscribing for free email delivery of their bimonthly newsletter. Visit the library web site [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Click sign up to receive newsletter then enter your email address and check box next to 'Library Newsletter-check it out.'

The Friends of Oak Lawn Library provided funding for the service. Before completing the subscription process, be sure to review the list of newsletters offering monthly book recommendations in more

than 20 categories. You will receive an email confirmation for each new subscription.

## Evergreen Park Youth Commission news

Jim Feltz, Director of the Evergreen Park Youth Commission, would like to thank all that contributed monetary donations to the Village Pantry Fund while attending the boys and girls Jr. High Basketball game.

This past year checks of \$213 from the girls and \$486 from the boys were issued to Director of Citizens Services, Jolene Churak to be used to purchase food and other necessities for those less fortunate in their village. During the last three years of the program, a total

of \$1893 has been collected for the worthy program.

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission is running an "Archery Clinic" for all you future Robin Hoods 12 years and older. Two one-hour classes on Friday, May 18 and 25 will teach you the fundamentals of archery. The fee for each 2-hour class is \$30. Only 6 "Merrymen" per class. Call 708-229-3377 to register and for more information.

## Hilton Renovation is completed

The Hilton Oak Lawn proudly announces the completion of a massive \$1 million renovation project. Rich new woodwork, lush carpeting, stylish draperies and elegant wall coverings now adorn the hotel's Grand and Astoria Ballrooms, the

12<sup>th</sup> Floor tower Room and all 15 meeting banquet rooms.

This extensive and stunning 'makeover' exemplifies the Hilton's commitment to excellence in all areas, while earning it the reputation of a first class, full service hotel.

A unique twelve-story round tower, the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel and conference Center has been recognized as an area landmark for 25 years.

Its Tower can be seen from the loop on certain days. It proudly offers the finest in dining banquet and conference facilities in Whitney's Bar and grille, luxurious accommodations; and it is an ideal destination for business or pleasure.

Stop in to see the new look.

The Oak Lawn Hilton is located 94<sup>th</sup> St. and Cicero. Call 708-425-7800 for more information.



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## Little Company dedicates cherished angel memory garden

*Families who have lost infants now have a place to grieve and remember*

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host the Annual Remembrance Ceremony in the Cherished Angels Memory Garden on Sunday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. The Garden honors the babies who left this earth too soon and offers a place for family and friends to grieve and reflect upon the loss.

"We felt there was a strong need to find a meaningful way to remember and recognize these precious little ones," said Mary Grimm, manager of Maternal Child Services. "These remarkable little angels continue to have a profound impact on our lives."

All families that have experienced the loss of an infant are invited to attend the ceremony, which includes a blessing, butterfly release and moments of reflection and silence. The Garden is located just north of the Hospital at 2801 West 93rd Street.

The Little Company of Mary Sisters' generously donated space for the Garden on the East side of their Convent. The space was transformed into an oasis complete with lush landscaping, benches, statues and a fountain to provide serenity and healing.

brehtaking Garden was created on an almost nonexistent budget through the dedicated efforts of the Perinatal Loss Committee and the Maternal Child nursing staff.

If your baby died at birth, the committee encourages you to visit the Garden. For more information and/or you would like to join us at the May 20th Ceremony, please call the Perinatal Loss Committee at 708.229.5928.

## Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church holds yard sale

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church holds a yard sale on Friday June 1st 9am to 3pm and Saturday, June 2nd 9am to 1pm at the Annual Indoor Yard Sale at 8426 W 95th St, Hickory Hills. Half-price is Saturday June 2nd.

Donations of sale items can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, May 29 through Thursday May 31 from 10am to 6pm. All proceeds benefit the Kentucky Mission trip in July. For more information call Grace at 708-423-6378.

## News from the Evergreen Park Youth Commission

The Evergreen park Youth Commission has planned 5 trips during the summer months for kids between 12 and 16 years of age. Registration for all trips will be Thursday, May 24th 2007 at the community center, 3450 W 97th St. from 6-8pm.

On July 13 we will travel to the Enchanted Castle for four hours of games, rides and food. Cost is \$28. On July 18 we will roller skate at the Tinley Park Roller Skating Rink from noon to 2pm. \$10 covers bus, skate rental and lunch.

July 26th we start off with a pizza party followed by a trip to see the Thunderbolts baseball team in Crestwood. Cost \$15 for bus, game ticket and pizza/pop party.

August 2-Hollywood Park here we come! 4 hours of games, rides, mini-golf and snacks. Cost is \$25 for bus, unlimited wristband for rides and lunch.

On September 29, we head back to Laser Quest always a request by the kids for 4 hours laser tag and games with friends. Cost is \$35 for bus and lunch.

## Richards band presents spring concert SXU band director to guest

The concert band from Richards High School will present its spring concert—featuring the St. Xavier University director of bands as guest conductor—on Wednesday, May 16. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Concert highlights will include trumpeters Becca Calvillo, Elizabeth Hudson, and Michelle Summers performing "Trumpeters' Lullaby." Dr. Eric Jammers, Director of Bands at Saint Xavier University, will serve as guest conductor. The concert will conclude with a combined band and choir piece with members of the Finley Junior High School Band.

Charles Martin directs the band program and Rose Cunningham directs the choir program at Richards. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information 708-499-2550 Ext 5096



Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM

## Mother McAuley's committee pays tribute to Sr. Wiorek

The Board of Trustees of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will host their annual Celebration Endowment Fundraiser on Friday, June 1, 2007. This year will include a special tribute to Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM in recognition of her 10 years as President/Principal and 31 years of service to Mother McAuley. Sister Rose will be retiring at the end of the school year. Sister Rose Wiorek became Principal/President of Mother McAuley in 1997.

Previously she had served McAuley as both a Faculty member and as Dean. She will be honored at Celebration for her dedication and commitment to the young women of McAuley. Her many accolades include initiating dual credit courses with universities in our area; developing an advanced placement math course for eighth grade students in cooperation with Brother Rice; and creating the Learning Resource Program to address the needs of students with special learning challenges.

Under her direction, McAuley made computers available to all students; all Library resources were brought on-line; and the School completed successful capital campaigns for technology upgrades to both the science and art wings. The evening festivities will be held at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. where guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, generous appetizer stations and open bar. There will be a Champagne Toast and Tribute at 7:30 followed with a performance by New Odyssey, a unique three man band that provides a diverse combination of music, comedy, skits and acrobatics using more than 30 instruments.

The Celebration Grand Raffle includes a one week stay at a five-star beach resort in either Puerto Vallarta or Cabo San Lucas with round-trip airfare for two; a professional landscape design worth \$700; a \$200 gift certificate from Coren Jewelers; an elegant pair of dress watches; two tickets to the Drury Lane Oakbrook and a \$100 American Express Gift Card; a distinctive piece of Celtic jewelry by Ballyea Jewelry Designs; an Apple iPod GB; and a cordless telephone system. Raffle tickets are \$25 a piece or five for \$100 and may be purchased online at [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org) or by calling 773-881-6558.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Mother McAuley Scholarship Endowment Fund and will be used for student financial aid.



Photo Captions: Mother McAuley 2007 committee members: (from left to right) Scott Allen, Susan McCloskey Barnett '89, Kathy Heise, Ave Hayes Green, Laura Shallow '75, Kim Carlson Patton '82, Kathy Rogers, Larry Harris and Pete Nielsen. The Mother McAuley community will pay tribute to President/Principal Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM at Celebration 2007. Sister Rose will be retiring at the end of this school year.



## St. Patricia 4th Co-ed Team

The St. Patricia 4th Grade Co-Ed Team won the SWCSA TOURNAMENT in Orland Park this past Saturday, April 28. Apparently it has been a long time since a co-ed team in this division won a championship.

Bottom Row: Ryan Sikora, Lucas Manso, Catherine Nowaczyk, Alex Abed, Kyla Frain Top Row: Nick Gogola, Tommy Poskus, Dylan Hands, Jimmy Kash, Sean Campbell, Margaret O'Connell, Not pictured: Alfonso Avila, Michael Mullin





## Commissioner Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation will be honored

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will be honored on May 23, 2007. The event will take place at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 S. Halsted St. from 5 to 7 p.m.

The commissioner was elected to the MWRD in 1990 and re-elected in 1996 and 2002. She has been Vice President of the District since 1994.

Meany has been a teacher, for many years, with the City Colleges of Chicago where she presently teaches Political Science. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Roosevelt University and a master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

## Abdullah to address Mt. Greenwood residence

Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Mt. Greenwood Residence Association, Thursday, May 17 at 8 p.m. at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th Street.

Margaret Schroeder, coordinator, announced Mr. Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds office and discuss Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages along with On Line Property information.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press

releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing Michigan

## Pappas has day with children of office employees

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas welcomed children and grandchildren of her employees on take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day 2007.

The youngsters watched their parents and grandparents do their jobs, visited other employees and generally took over the Treasurer's Office on their visit

Pappas said the youngsters were a 'breath of fresh air' and represent the future. The following children were guests of the Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas: Zackarya Faci, Maria Hatziusavas, Daja Vivians, Madjson Anderson, Amisha Mahajan; middle row: Stefan Dabizljevic, Cody Beck, Michael Wojtanowski, Michael Vivians, Abha Mahajan, Armunie Mc Cauley, Ashkey Beck, top row: Allison Cholewa, Jaasmin Mc Cauley, Katie Cholewa, Treasurer Pappas, Radwan Faci, Rachael Cholewa, Rafika Faci.

## Dunigan Benefit to be held

There is a benefit for former Evergreen Park fireman, William Dunigan Sr. on Saturday, June 2nd from 12 noon to Dusk at Little Sears Park, 125th and Central Park.

Mr Dunigan has been battling pancreatic cancer and needs your help in deferring the high medical costs. He has been retired 22 years as Evergreen Park Fireman, Mr. Dunigan has been an Evergreen Park Resident from 1960-2005 and is the father of Bill Jr, Scott, Debbie, Jerry and Kim Dunigan.

Food and beverages are provided, feel free to bring a dish. There is a DJ with

Karaoke, split the pot raffles, horseshoes and bean bag tournaments! Kids welcome. Any donation you can make will help fight this battle! This benefit is given by The family and Friends of Mr. Dunigan.

Please call Jerry with any questions as to where to send a donation if unable to attend the benefit, 708-935-1201 or 3600 W. Bank Drive, Alsip, IL.

## EARTH TALK

From the Editors of *The Environmental Magazine*

Dear EarthTalk: I know of issues associated with the Earth's ozone layer, but what is "ground level ozone" and why is that a problem? — D. Goetz, Palm Beach, FL

Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) is a colorless gas formed when three atoms of oxygen bond together. About 90 percent of the Earth's ozone forms naturally in the stratosphere, dozens of miles above ground. It forms the protective layer that shields us from overexposure to the sun's radiation, and is therefore considered "good" ozone.

The rest of the ozone found on Earth occurs at ground level, and forms when nitrous oxides and various "volatile organic compounds" (VOCs)—originating with car exhaust, industrial emissions, chemicals and gasoline vapors, as well as some natural sources—bond together in the presence of sunlight.

Ground level ozone, or "bad" ozone, is a key component of smog, which wreaks havoc on human health and the environment, especially in urban areas. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that exposure to even relatively low concentrations of ground-level ozone for extended periods (several hours) can significantly reduce lung function and cause respiratory inflammation in normal, healthy people. Symptoms can include chest pain, coughing, nausea and congestion. For people with asthma and other respiratory illnesses, exercising in ozone-rich air can be deadly. Repeated exposure to high levels of ozone for several months or more can produce permanent structural damage in the lungs.

Beyond its effects on our health, the EPA estimates that pollution from ground-level ozone is responsible for nearly \$2 billion in agricultural crop yield losses in the U.S. alone each year. The pervasive gas has also been shown to damage forests in California and the eastern U.S. and to contribute to global warming.

Under the mandate of the Clean Air Act, the EPA is charged with monitoring and limiting the amount of ground-level ozone in urban areas, and issuing warnings when smog levels are above its standard of 0.12 parts per million. But new studies indicate that ground-level ozone causes adverse health effects at even lower concentrations. And, according to the EPA, even rural areas suffer increased ozone levels, because wind carries ozone and the pollutants that form it hundreds of miles away from their original sources. As a result, the EPA is reviewing whether revisions to ozone standards and policies are warranted.

High concentrations of ground-level ozone are not as common in Canada, but three urban regions—British Columbia's Lower Fraser Valley, the Windsor-Québec City Corridor and the Southern Atlantic Region that includes New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—do suffer several "bad air days" each year. The Canadian government, through its own Clean Air Act, has even stricter standards for exposure to ground-level ozone than in the U.S., though enforcement is not as big a priority given the smaller scope of the problem there.

To help minimize ground-level ozone, avoid car trips and the use of power lawn equipment during especially hot or windless days. Paints and solvents, most which off-gas VOCs that create ozone and form smog, are also best to steer clear of with hot summer temperatures coming on strong. Those concerned about their respiratory health should follow local weather sources, most which post smog alerts.

CONTACTS: U.S. EPA Ground-Level Ozone Information, [www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution](http://www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution); Canada's Clean Air Act, [www.ec.gc.ca/cleanair-airpur/Home-WS8C3F7D55-1\\_En.htm](http://www.ec.gc.ca/cleanair-airpur/Home-WS8C3F7D55-1_En.htm).

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## 2007 Professional Women's Network Conference

The Professional Women's Network is pleased to announce that Margaret Stender, CEO of Chicago SKY, will be the keynote speaker at its annual conference on September 20, 2007 at the Doubletree Hotel in Alsip, IL. Cheri Vana, Co-Chair of the 2007 Conference said, "As a successful business woman and sports executive, Margaret Stender will provide valuable insights for our conference attendees. Each year we seek a notable woman as our keynote speaker, one whose career achievements are an inspiration to other women. Margaret Stender certainly fits this description."

Ms. Stender spent 21 years in the corporate business world, including being president of the ready-to-eat cereal division at Quaker Oats Company, senior vice-president and general manager of consumer travel solutions for Rand McNally and president of Pepsico's drink division. In 2005, she was officially announced as the first team president of the Women's National Basketball Association team, the Chicago Sky.

"Making Connections. Getting Results" is the theme of PWN's third annual conference. The conference begins at 7:45 with a breakfast reception, followed by Ms. Stender's keynote address. Attendees will then participate in workshops geared to the needs of entrepreneurs and professional women. A lunchtime panel presentation will feature four prominent business women who will share strategies for building successful careers and overcoming obstacles to success. The panel presentation will be moderated by Andrea Darlas of WGN-Radio and a question and answer session will follow.

Vivette Payne, Co-Chair of the Conference said, "Last

year, over 160 women participated in the conference and the feedback was tremendous. We are anticipating that, this year, even more women will take advantage of all this event offers."

Professional Women's Network is a 200-plus member organization of entrepreneurs and professional women dedicated to helping each other develop their careers and enhance their businesses through educational programs, resource sharing and networking opportunities.

For more information on the upcoming conference or for registration forms, call (708) 937-5525, or access the PWN website at [www.pwncentral.com](http://www.pwncentral.com)

## St. Patricia's enters 22 pieces of art in contest

Congratulations go out to Hayley Tiffin, 2nd place — Painting; Justin Gilmore, 1st place — Painting; and Chelsea Hands — Best in Show. These beautiful works of art were chosen from dozens of wonderful and creative artwork created by students from 5 schools that included Conrady Jr. High, Palos South Middle School, Independence Jr. High, St. Alexander's School and St. Patricia School. St. Patricia School entered 22 pieces of art.

The participation of the students and the parents and other family members that attended the art exhibit was amazing. To the students' credit, every piece of artwork took at least a month of art classes to accomplish. Every student that entered did a wonderful job and the St. Patricia Community is very proud of you.

A special Thank You goes out to Mrs. Przybylski who was instrumental in all of the "behind the scenes" preparation which included scouting for prices of the frames, helping to deliver the paintings to the Palos Heights Library and taking pictures of the students and their artwork at the exhibit.

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## Library Hosts Art Gallery Opening Night

Celebrate the grand opening of a permanent public art gallery at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m. A brief dedication ceremony and reception will formally open the gallery space. Meet the artists and view their original artwork. This premiere exhibit will feature a variety of pieces, including paintings, ink drawings, photographs and sculpture. Community members are invited to partake in the evening's festivities, which will include live music and light refreshments.

The gallery space is located on their second floor, in a special nook along the north window vista. It will be open to the public all hours that the library is open.

The funding for the gallery furnishings was generously provided by the

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

Art Gallery applications are available at the library's Reception Booth. For additional information, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

## Registration Continues for "Fossils in Our Backyard"

Discover "Fossils in Our Backyard" at an educational, hands-on lecture 7 p.m. Monday, May 14 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. Register in advance in-person at the library's Reception Booth or by phone, 708-422-4990. Free of charge.

Columbia College Chicago science teacher David A. Dolak will lead a multimedia tour 300 million years back in time to when Northern Illinois was a tropical coal swamp teeming

with towering ferns, giant insects and the mysterious Tully Monster. Explore the region of the world-famous Mazon Creek fossils, view specimens from that area. There are 70 available spots for registered patrons to break open a rock and find their own fossil. Nonregistered patrons may attend the lecture portion of the program. A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Open Mic Readings

Budding wordsmiths and people who enjoy listening to original creative works are invited to attend an Open Mic Short Story and Poetry Reading 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 30 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. Bring your best piece and register at the door. Five minute time limit. Those who wish to read are asked to rehearse in advance to ensure that they stay within that time frame. Coffee and light refreshments. Admission is free.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Library Holiday Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will

be closed Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28 in observance of Memorial Day. The library's regular hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting May 27, the library will be closed on Sundays until mid-September.

## Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Annual Membership Drive

Last year, nearly 900 people joined the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Each spring, the Friends reach out to remind current members to renew their membership and invite newcomers to join up for the first time. The Friends 2007-2008 membership year will run June 1 through May 31.

Annual dues are \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. Members receive news updates from the Friends, a \$5 discount on most bus trip tickets and access to special members-only events, which includes the annual book sale. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Booth and via the Friends web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm)).

The community based org. Neighbors United of Oak Lawn, held a diversity dinner for high school students on Friday, April 27, 2007. Participants enjoyed ethnic foods and conversation about their culture experiences and misunderstandings. O. L. C.H. Inter. Club members Nour Mustafa, Eman Batroukh, and Abigail Cordon had the honor of addressing the participants. Neighbors United strives to help those who live, work, or worship in the Village of O.L. to gain a better understanding of each other.

## Something Old Something New

Dear Brides to Be:  
At the wedding, when the time comes for the toast, usually the bestman says something about the wedding party. It is preplanned and says a statement which sets the tone of the party. Sometimes the maid of honor speaks and maybe the groomsmen and bridesmaids. These days

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## Oak Lawn Garden Club holds plant exchange

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will be having their annual plant exchange on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4625 West 110<sup>th</sup> St the Oakview Center from 9:30am to 12 noon.

## Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church holds yard sale

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church holds a yard sale on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> 9am to 3pm and Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am to 1pm at the Annual Indoor Yard Sale at 8426 W 95<sup>th</sup> St, Hickory Hills. Half-price is Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Donations of sale items can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, May 29 through Thursday May 31 from 10am to 6pm. For more information call Grace at 708-423-6378.

## Doyle director of nursing at Smith Crossing in Orland Park.

Mary Ann Doyle, 53, has joined Smith Crossing's management team as the continuing care retirement community's director of nursing, announced Kevin McGee, executive director.

In her new position, Doyle leads all operations in the area of skilled nursing for residents at Smith Crossing in Orland Park, Ill.

Her responsibilities include supervising the staff of 15 nurses and certified nursing assistants, meeting with residents and their families to ensure the best care, as well as training the nursing staff regarding best-practices in a rapidly changing healthcare environment.

"Mary Ann brings a spirit of caring professionalism and remarkable experience to our team," says McGee. "We

are proud of our top-notch nursing staff, and Mary Ann's leadership is sure to continue and fortify our commitment to resident care and service."

Since 2001, Doyle worked with residents at Lemont Rehabilitation and Nursing in that Illinois suburb. She was promoted to assisted director of Nursing in 2005 after serving as a staff nurse. For three decades prior to that, she served as a nurse in a variety of settings including Palos Community Hospital, in Palos Park, Ill.; St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields, IL. Meyer Medical Physicians' Group in Orland Park, Ill. and Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, IL. "I'm delighted to be part of the team at Smith

Crossing" says Doyle. "The environment at Smith Crossing is very open and welcoming. And the size of the community makes it possible for me the time to really get to know residents and their families. This way, we can work together to achieve residents' individual goals." Mary Ann Doyle Joins Smith Crossing/Add oneAbout Smith Crossing

Smith Crossing is part of the Smith Senior Living family of premier senior living communities in the southwest sector of metropolitan Chicago. An innovative leader in providing the finest services and care for seniors, Smith established its first community in 1924.

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## Spelling B winners announced

Worth Township Supervisor John "Jack" Murphy would like to announce the winners of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenon

Wisdom Memorial Spelling Bee held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Participants were divided into two divisions. The

Senior Division consisted of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the Junior Division consisted of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. The winners in the Senior Division were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jennifer Ferchau of Worth, age 14 / Grade 8 / Our Lady of the Ridge School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Thomas Simmons of Evergreen Park, age 14 / Grade 8 / St Paul Lutheran School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mariam Hamad of Oak Lawn, age 13 / Grade 7 / Simmons Middle School

The winners in the Junior Division were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jenna Mahoney of Evergreen Park, age 12 / Grade 6 / Northwest Elementary School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jameson O'Reilly of Oak Lawn, age 10 / Grade 5 / Hannum School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Natalia Goryl of Worth, age 10 / Grade 5 / Worth Elementary School

Winners were recipients of EE Savings Bonds which

were donated by the Law Office of John Z. Toscas.

First place winners received a \$100 Bond; Second place winners received a \$75 Bond and Third place winners received a \$50 Bond. This annual event is held under the direction of Worth Township Trustee John "Jack" Lind and the Youth Commission whose director is Sue Sortino. Following the competition refreshments were served.

## Maria High School presents Humanitarian Award Winners

Mrs. Judy Bumbul, campus ministry director and theology teacher and Mrs. Jennifer Johnson, social studies and language instructor, received Sister Thea Bowman Humanitarian Award at the Fourteenth Annual Humanitarian Luncheon.

The Holy Angels Court #200 Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary presents the award to individuals that make significant community service contributions within their churches, civic, educational and social organizations.

Mrs. Judy Bumbul was

nominated for her significant contributions to the Maria High School Community, her commitment to educating young women and her continuing dedication to the pursuit of knowledge. Mrs. Jennifer Johnson "was thoroughly surprised and honored for this recognition, but attributes this award to the good work her students are doing and are the reason I strive to accomplish."

## Holocaust survivor visits Queen of Peace

Peace Sophomores Hear Holocaust Survivor's Powerful Story Holocaust survivor Sevec (Sidney) Finkel has been visiting the sophomores of Queen of Peace High School for the last eight years as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In addition to touring a homemade museum in the school's Community Center and viewing Schindler's List, students are treated to 90 minutes with Finkel, one of the few remaining Holocaust survivors. Finkel calls himself a "history teacher of sorts," but unlike most history teachers, he has lived the nightmare he speaks of, a nightmare he faced because he was a Jew in Poland during the 1940's. Born in 1932, Finkel was the youngest of five children and lived in Pietrkow, Poland. He recalled hearing the voice of Hitler on the radio

as a young child: "We knew if Hitler was to invade us, our future would be gloomy. But we never thought it would happen or could happen."

The rumors we heard about what was being done to Jews were so shattering, so unbelievable, we laughed because we thought it was impossible." At age six, Finkel realized the rumors were true when his family was forced into a ghetto. "We had no rights whatsoever. We were slaves," he notes. "There were no jobs, very little soap and water, and little food. There was no school; those who tried to teach were shot. Kids who tried to smuggle food were shot."

He remembers the bombing of his hometown well. "I stood there looking up at the sky. The planes were flying so low, I could make out the faces of the men in the cockpits." Finkel, his father and his brother were eventually taken to Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

The day before the Americans liberated the camp, the citizens were forced to march to Weimar, Germany where they were loaded onto open train cars. Three weeks of starvation and disease killed two-thirds of the 1,500 people on the train. Finkel credits his spirit as his saving grace. "My will to survive was so strong." He would not give the Nazis the satisfaction of dying.

Upon their arrival in Theresienstadt, Czechoslo-

vakia, the people were freed. Finkel nearly died from typhus, but recovered and attended boarding school in England, moving to America in 1951.

Of his family, only one sister and one brother survived. Finkel currently lives in Tucson with his wife and children. It was not until the 1990's that Finkel spoke about his experience, after visiting the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C.

His son encouraged him to visit his class at school to talk about what happened. Since then, Finkel has visited dozens of schools in Illinois, Arizona, California and Ar-

kansas. He also published a book, Sevec and the Holocaust: The Boy who Refused to Die.

Though he is grateful to be alive, Finkel admits he can never really celebrate his freedom because of the loss of so many. "These atrocities were committed by ordinary people."

What made them do these things? This is what happens when one group looks down on another group. As human beings, we have to take our responsibilities seriously."

For information on Finkel, visit <http://holocaustspeaker.com>.



Pictured: On April 27, Holocaust survivor Sevec (Sidney) Finkel came to Queen of Peace High School to share his story with the sophomore class for the eighth consecutive year as part of the school's annual Holocaust Remembrance Day.



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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for May 15<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also on-line. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and TelaFriend!

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: This is just another of those non-plus weeks where things simply are not what they seem to be.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Take a hint from the experts, do your best & let higher powers do the rest. Travel involved.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not the time for arguing. Be diplomatic. Take a trip. Be with the children.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: One thing for sure, you are not living a boring life. This week proves it. C & K aid.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Someone says, "put up or shut up." Many of you can win big money this week.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You may learn something about a relative that is not good to repeat this week. K aids.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: You might be walking on eggshells this week relating to your love life. Speak up, talk more.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: One thing for sure, you won't be shy when it comes to speaking up. Good for you.

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The Premier of our Live Podcast is scheduled for Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10PM. It's called Beyond Logic. I'll answer questions on-air, both personal & about things "Beyond Logic." Hope you'll join us.

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I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services [by appt. only].

Psychic Insights  
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If you are anything like me & Jimmy S., you are going through some really tough times trying to keep up with the demands put on you by others. It's a never ending battle to know what or who should come first. Doesn't it seem like it's a constant same day, waking up again & again, day after day feeling like you've had no sleep at all? Surely you have had these kinds of things happening to you as they do to most of us. Jimmy S. says, "there are times I feel like I am in a continued nightmare that I can't wake up from. Something is truly happening to make people think that they are either crazy or will soon be." Yep! Maybe it's in the water or foods we eat.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

by Kathy Whirity

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### IN THE WAKE ON THE VIRGINIA TECH TRAGEDY

It's happened again. A massacre the likes of Columbine has us all shaken up and searching for answers that can't seem to be found. This time it's a different name, a different school, but the evil is the same and it horrifies us.

Cho Seung-Hui is the latest madman to go on a killing spree on a college campus. In the end 31 people were dead. As I was following one news account of this deadly situation, the reporter pondered the question - was the shooter evil or insane?

Does it really matter?

When my daughters were away at college my nightly prayer, above all others, was that they be kept safe from harm. My prayers were answered. They both graduated and returned home safe - surviving the college years. But, given the senseless acts of brutal, heinous violence perpetuated in our world today, are any of us really safe?

A deranged psycho walks through a shopping mall with enough ammo to arm a small country.

He mindlessly sprays the innocent crowd of unsuspecting shoppers, with gunfire, until law enforcement permanently stop him with a fatal bullet - but not before he manages to maim and murder innocent people.

Children are being kidnapped at an alarming rate - plucked from public parking lots or while playing hop scotch in their own driveways. Some are ripped right from the safety of their own beds.

No one ever thinks it could happen to them until, of course, it does.

Anyone of us could fall victim to being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Unfortunately crime is an equal opportunity destroyer.

We are a society that is increasingly becoming overwhelmed with tragedy, atrocity and horrendous human suffering.

How can anyone predict the next Columbine or Virginia Tech? How can we keep ourselves safe from another 9/11 attack? The sobering truth is - we can't.

As I began this column, the depressing and frightening content almost had me rip up the page and start over, in favor of a more pleasant subject.

Then I thought about the words of one father remembering his deceased daughter. In reflecting on her life he spoke of the countless memories that would now bring him comfort in the days ahead.

When tragedy strikes our world what's important is holding onto our faith and having the courage to survive the insanity.

There is strength in togetherness. You see it in the sea of humanity when mourners huddle together, lit candles in hand - lighting our way with hope in a darkened world.

Out of the brokenness comes blessings that remind us we have the power to live our lives to the fullest. We are reminded that life is a precious gift that should be lived to the fullest.

From the sorrow comes our saving grace to know that we have the opportunity to live each day as if it was our last. In times like this we are reminded to live well, love more and care more deeply for one another, because we never know when a living moment will become a memory.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

God is the only one who can make the valley of trouble a door of hope. (Catherine Marshall.)

## Moraine Valley offers classes at St. Germaine Church

Moraine Valley Community College offers four courses in the summer 2007 semester at St. Germaine Church in Oak Lawn. Located at 4240 W. 98th St., Moraine Valley at St. Germaine offers classes in Basic Skills for Adults, Pre-GED Skills, Beginning GED Test Preparation and GED Test Preparation. The GED classes are tuition-free.

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## Mount Assisi Hosts Summer Sports Camps

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mer sports camp programs for fifth through twelfth grade students beginning the week of June 4, 2007.

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## New athletic director for Marist High School

Mr. Larry Tucker, principal of Marist High School, is proud to announce the appointment of Tom Schergen as Athletic Director. Schergen comes to Marist from Bremen High School in Midlothian, Ill., where he served for three years as the assistant athletic director, as well as serving as head boys' varsity soccer coach, girls' varsity soccer assistant coach and special

education teacher.

"I am excited about the tremendous opportunity to serve as the athletic director at Marist High School," Schergen said. "Catholic education has played an integral part in my life and I am honored to be a part of the RedHawk tradition where faith, academics and athletics culminate to produce the young minds of tomorrow."

Scherger hopes to build on the strong foundation Marist's program has. "This position presents the incredible opportunity to work with an outstanding coaching staff, impressive student-athletes, and to experience the tremendous amount of support for athletics through the best cheering section in the

state-the RedHawk Rowdies," Schergen said.

Scherger, an Evergreen Park resident, has previously worked as Maria High School's athletic director and as the director of Evergreen Park's Summer Day Camp Program. He is a product of Catholic education, having graduated from De LaSalle High School and St. Xavier University.

Marist's athletic program includes 24 sports for boys and girls and is a member of the East Suburban Catholic Conference.

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## Two Brother Rice seniors named Evans Scholars

Brother Rice High School seniors Robert Henchan (left) of Oak Lawn and Spencer Hayne of Beverly have been awarded Chick Evans Scholarships. They were presented scholarship certificates by Ed McMahon of Orland Park, a 1980 Brother Rice graduate and Evans Scholar alumnus at the school's award night May 3.

The scholarships are based on high school grades, financial need, moral character and record as a golf caddie. Henchan, ranked 71<sup>st</sup> in his class of 254, will attend Indiana University and Hayne, ranked 37<sup>th</sup>, will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The scholarships, awarded since 1930, are supported by the financial contri-



butions of the 100,000 golfers who contributed to the Evans Scholar Foundation.

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## Cirque Shanghai returns to Navy Pier

The extraordinarily talented troupe of Chinese acrobats from Cirque Shanaghai returns to Navy Pier's Pepsi Stage Wednesday, June 6th Monday September 3, 2007. It is partnered with International Special attractions, Ltd (ISA). The company will be performing the world premiere of its new full-scale theatrical production, 'Cirque Shanghai: Bai Xi.

Tickets for the summer long run are on sale. Prices range from \$14.50-\$29.50 for adults, \$12.50-\$29.50 for children ages 3-11. Children under 3 are free. All seats are reserved. Call Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500.

ISA's work with Chinese acrobatic troupes started in 1996, and its two-way entertainment trade with both countries. It was founded by Michael Wilson and Haiping Ge and is the largest presenter of foreign entertainment into China as well as Chinese entertainment and attractions across North America with offices on Los Angeles, Branson Mo., and Shanghai.

Dulcie Gilmore, director Pepsi Stage said, "I am thrilled to bring Cirque Shanghai back to the stage. Chicago's response to the troupe last year was over 135,000 persons attending and it was the most successful event in the history of Skyline Stage.

Navy Pier is accessible to public transportation.

## Dance Center presents DanceMakers Intensive

As part of its mission to expose the Chicago community to the world of leading contemporary dance artists, The dance center of Columbia College Chicago will host its

DanceMakers Summer Intensive May 21st June 28, 2007.

DanceMakers Summer Intensive focuses on the choreographic process and offers students and community members a hands-on approach to making dances. Workshop instructors include special guest artists Tere O'Connor (May 21-31), Lisa Gonzalez (June 4-7) and Joe Goode with Marit Brook-Krothlow (June 11-21). All workshops take place at the Dance Center, 1306 S Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Dance Makers Workshops range in price from \$175-\$350. Registration is in process and space is limited. Call 312-344-8300 or visit the web at [www.dancecenter.org](http://www.dancecenter.org).

DanceMakers Summer Intensive includes courses in ballet, modern yoga, Western dance history, and body tune-up and conditioning taught by members of the dance Center's highly respected faculty. Classes are available for credit or non-credit. Noncredit fee is \$320 each. Individual class cards are available as space permits. Call the above number for a complete schedule.

## Goodman names Anthony Moseley 2007 Directing Fellow

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## Grease is back

by Marijo Doody

Many of us watched the recent TV program searching for the new Sandy and Danny for the Broadway revival of Grease and the riveting performances were just that. Well guess what? The Theatre at the Center in Munster, Indiana has "Grease" currently running until June 3, 2007.

It is the story of the greaser era, which I grew up in and the characters are mindful of kids we all knew.

Our Danny is Brandon Koller and our Sandy is Meg Miller with Tammy Mader as Rizzo, Richard Strimmer is Kenickie and Dina Di Costanzo is Frenchie. The character Kenickie is a dead ringer for the kid my younger sister was mad about in 1960.

The production really strong point is the

choreography ably done by Stacy Flaster. The Set Design is by Robert Kovach and is wonderful. The musical direction is by Malcolm Ruhl. It all really goes together.

Theatre at the Center is a year-round professional equity theatre at its home The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster Indiana. Performance schedule is Wed and Thurs at 2pm (\$36), Fri and Sat at 8pm (\$39) and Sun at 2:30pm (\$39) and Sat matinees on 5/19 and 6/2 at 2:30pm. To purchase tickets call the box office at 219-836-3255.

## Remy Bumpo names new associate

Remy Bumpo Theatre Company announces Chicago Actor Gregory Anderson will become the newest addition to the company's ensemble of Artistic Associates. He joins current Artistic Associates Annabel Armour, David Darlow, Linda Gillum, Nick Sandys and Joe Van Slyke.

Greg has performed with Remy Bumpo, American Theatre Company, Noble Fool Theatricals, Court Theatre and Actors Revolution Theatre. He is a graduate of Duke University.

## Miss Saigon staged in Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of Miss Saigon will run at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., for two consecutive weekends: June 1-3 and June 8-10. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00pm and Sunday shows are at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$18 for seniors and children.

Production staff includes: Dave Heilmann, producer; Brad Kisner director; Renee Redican, assistant director; Dawn Schnolis, choreographer; Diane Madden, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor; Gil Oliva, lighting and set design.

For more information on the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

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## Illinois Philharmonic performs season finale

by Marijo Doody

The Illinois Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director, Carmon De Leonne, performed its season finale at the Performing Arts Center at Governors State University (GSU) located in University Park.

The program opens with Maurice Cabrier's Joyeuse Marche. It continues with Anthony Molinaro, pianist, joining the orchestra for Maurice Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major and George Gershwin's Concerto in F Major.

After the intermission and before the Gershwin Concerto, the presentation of the Ruth and Ken Davee Excellence in Art Award was presented to Shirley R Madigan, wife of State Senator Michael Madigan, and mother of three daughters and one son including Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

Shirley has served on the Illinois Arts Council since 1976 and has been Chairman for 20 years. She has accompanied two Illinois Governors, James Thompson and George Ryan on official international missions as their Arts Ambassador. Governor Rod Blagovich recently appointed her, to serve as Illinois delegate to the U.S. Cultural and Tourism Summit in Washington DC. She gave a rousing arty semi-political acceptance speech on receiving the award.

Molinaro's technique was outstanding in his keyboard play. The interplay in the Ravel Concerto between Oboe and Keyboard was a thing of beauty. His interpretation in the Gershwin Concerto showed his jazz background.

Molinaro indicated "it is first and foremost exciting to have this rare opportunity to perform two great concertos in one evening's concert and my favorite parts of the pieces are the second movement which are gorgeous and deeply moving." After the concert, I met Mr. Molinaro, whose father is still in Rome Italy. He has a great gift and talent and is using it well. He did two encores at the performance demonstrating his versatile on the keyboard.

Molinaro won the 1997 Naumburg International Piano Competition and is acclaimed for his edge-of-the-seat brilliance and musically imaginative mind. In addition he is a gifted composer and jazz artist. He often plays his own cadenzas in Mozart and Beethoven concerti.

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) is the largest performing arts organization in the Chicago Southland providing professional, orchestral music of beauty and excellence in the region. It draws audiences from Chicago, Indiana, Michigan and more than 68 south and southwest Illinois suburbs. I met most people from Park Forest.

The orchestra, led by Music Director Carmon De Leone, is in its 29th season. It has received several coveted awards for artistic achievements from the Illinois Council of Orchestras. IPO was named Illinois Orchestra of the Year in 1992 and in 1995, Maestro De Leone was named Illinois Music Director of the Year.

IPO is a member of the American Symphony Orchestra League and the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau. They perform at GSU for five concerts November to May with internationally acclaimed guest artists at the Performing Arts Center concert hall. It seats 1200 and was 97% filled. The concert was grand!



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## Proposed development in Oak Forest available for seniors

In an effort to promote quality development on one of the largest undeveloped parcels within Oak Forest, the City is partnering with the owner of a 30 acre parcel to solicit development of a senior-oriented development.

The property was once part of the Our Lady of Sorrows Convent property located north of 151<sup>st</sup> Street, west of Menard Avenue. City staff will be offering assistance to identify potential developers with experience in senior developments, as well as determine if any other compatible land uses may be favorable for the City of Oak Forest.

The City has created and

is preparing to mail a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to potential developers who may be interested in the site.

The RFQ will provide site specifics as well as the vision of what the City sees as possibilities. Typical senior-oriented communities may include cottage style homes, town homes, an independent living building or even a skilled care facility.

According to Community Development Director Adam Dotson, "The City of Oak Forest will be seeking a high quality project from an outstanding development team that has an impeccable record of implementing these types of developments."

We need to raise the bar for future development in Oak Forest, and this will be a project that will accomplish this goal."

The RFQ will be released in mid-May and with a submittal deadline in late June.

## Relay For Life: Inspiring Hope Step by Step, Lap by Lap

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Celebrates 15 Years of Relay in Illinois

Tinley Park, Ill. - (May 10, 2007) - Fifteen years ago, the first American Cancer Society Relay For Life event was held in Illinois. For those involved in Relay For Life it is more than just an event, it is an experience - a life-affirming opportunity to share hope with cancer survivors, caregivers and other supporters in the fight against cancer.

While participants in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Tinley Park applaud the successes made over the last 15 years, they are also busy getting ready to welcome teams, cancer survivors, community supporters and the general public to this year's event that is being held from 2:00 pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup> until 6:00 am on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tinley Park High School in Tinley Park, Ill. clock.

Relay For Life starts with local cancer survivors uniting to walk the first lap of the event. Then, the survivors are joined by family, friends and co-workers who have helped them through their battle with cancer.

A Luminaria Ceremony will be held after dark to honor cancer survivors and those who have lost their battle against cancer. Luminaria, bags filled with sand and a candle that bear the names of those being honored, line the track and continue to burn throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible

importance of their contributions. Luminaria are available for purchase on-line at [www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark) or by calling Marshawn Brown at 708-633-7770

The goal of this year's Relay For Life of Tinley Park is to raise more than \$117,000 for cancer research, community educational programs and advocacy initiatives, and support services for area patients and their families.

As the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser, Relay For Life helps fund programs such as Road to Recovery, a program that provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments; Look Good...Feel Better, which focuses on the inner and outer beauty of women going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments; Wig Bank, that offers free wigs, turbans and other head gear; Support for Recovery, which matches newly diagnosed patients with cancer survivors to help them cope with their diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

Relay For Life also helps support the Society's Patient Navigation Services, which offers a place where cancer patients and their families can meet face-to-face with a social worker to discuss questions and concerns about diagnosis including subjects such as insurance support, clinical trials, financial assistance, family counseling and treatment.

For 15 years, Relay For Life of Illinois has been celebrating cancer survivors while honoring those in the community who lost their battle with cancer on an annual basis.

For more information on how to get involved in Relay For Life, contact the American Cancer Society at 708-633-7770 or visit [www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/il/tinleypark)

or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



Veterans of all ages attend Orland Park's annual ceremonies to honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. Orland Park will host its Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m. at its Veterans Memorial at 147<sup>th</sup> Street and Ravinia Avenue.

## Orland Park Vets to Hold Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Memorial Day in Orland Park means more than the end of a school year and the start of summer. Each year, the village's Veterans Commission hosts ceremonies on Memorial and Veterans Days to honor their comrades, both living and deceased. It is at these ceremonies that the veterans' names added to Orland Park's granite wall are read aloud.

Orland Park's ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. The ceremony is held at the village's Veterans' Memorial, Ara Pace - Place of Peace, adjacent to the Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Fr. Leo Lyons, a retired United States Air Force Colonel, will offer the blessing and Orland Park resident Shari Roat will sing the National Anthem. Roat has performed at the veteran recognition ceremonies at Orland Park School.

Members of Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 will attend the ceremony to serve as an honor guard for the veterans.

Blummer said, "We have 35 newly engraved names on the wall and will recognize each family in attendance." Attendees are invited to bring damaged American Flags to the ceremony.

Orland Park's ceremony will conclude at 1:30 p.m. with a P-51 Mustang Fly Over, the fee for which was paid by Orland Park resident Glenn Boley.

Refreshments will be served in the Orland Park Civic Center immediately following the ceremony. For more information, call Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203.

## New student registration continues at St. Michael School

St. Michael School in Orland Park anticipates limited openings in all grades for the 2007-2008 academic year. Parents of incoming kindergarteners through eighth graders are invited to consider Catholic education for their children.

"We are pleased to announce that St. Michael School will be able to accommodate additional children in all grade levels next year. Only a limited number of additional children will be accepted to ensure a low student to teacher ratio," said Bernadette Cuttone, St. Michael School principal.

Families who are interested in registering their chil-

dren may visit the school office any school day before June 5 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to begin the registration process. School staff will be available to give tours and answer questions. In addition, all admission forms will be presented to families.

St. Michael School has provided quality education in a faith-based environment for more than 55 years. The school serves 650 children from the Orland Park, Tinley Park, Homer Glen, Lockport and Palos communities. St. Michael School promotes academic excellence through a contemporary curriculum taught in a faith community. Students meet and exceed the requirements set forth by Terra Nova tests. More information about St. Michael School can be obtained by calling 708-349-0068 or by visiting the school's website at [www.saintmike.org](http://www.saintmike.org).

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### Psychic Predictions

Jacki Mari

For all Signs for May 15<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!  
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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: This is just another of those non-plus weeks where things simply are not what they seem to be.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Take a hint from the experts, do your best & let higher powers do the rest. Travel involved.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not the time for arguing. Be diplomatic. Take a trip. Be with the children.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: One thing for sure, you are not living a boring life. This week proves it. C & K aid.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Someone says, "put up or shut up." Many of you can win big money this week.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You may learn something about a relative that is not good to repeat this week. K aids.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: You might be walking on eggshells this week relating to your love life. Speak up, talk more.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: One thing for sure, you won't be shy when it comes to speaking up. Good for you.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: This is a week of good things happening, one after the other. You are on a winning path.

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## Orland Park Receives Bronze Award from "Clean Air Counts"

### Northeastern Illinois Initiative Touts Air Quality Improvement

The Village of Orland Park has earned the Bronze Level Designation from the Clean Air Counts Campaign. Clean Air Counts is a northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, resulting in improved air quality and enabling economic development.

"We're very proud of this recognition," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Clean Air Counts is an important initiative and the Village is pleased to be a part of it," he added.

This voluntary, public-private effort has members in the six-county greater Chicago region and is a collaborative effort between the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus, the City of Chicago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Orland Park is one of seven communities attaining the bronze level designation this year.

Orland Park's public education efforts have included articles in its residential newsletter, the Orland Park Public, and information released to the local media. An informational flyer titled Driving More Efficiently is available at the Cashier's Office in Village Hall.

Developed with information from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the flyer contains information describing how to increase fuel economy while driving.

This includes fuel-saving tips to observe speed limits, remove excess weight from vehicles, avoid aggressive driving, minimize idling and to use cruise control when possible.

"Orland Park looks forward to continuing its partnership with Clean Air Counts and the Village's efforts to improve air quality," the mayor said.

## Orland Park School District 135 Schedule

May 17 - Centennial Walk to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (8:15, 9:15, 12:00, or 1:00) \*\*\*The community is invited to join the students in walking at any of these times!

May 17 - English as a Second Language end-of-year party at the Orland Park Public Library (3:45 story time, 4:15 ice cream) May 18 - Park School "Walk in the Park" at Doogan Park (9:30 - 1:00) \*Students who achieved their reading goals get to go to the Park with their classmates.

May 21 - Career Day at Jerling (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.) May 21 - Century Jr. High Honors Assembly (9:00 or 10:30) \*Orland Education Foundation will present "Above and Beyond" Award May 22, 23, 29 and 30 - Class picnics at Prairie School (About 12:00 - 1:00) \*These involve eating and games outside weather permitting.

May 23 - Liberty Talent Show (9:00 - 10:30, or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.) May 23 - Prairie School Mini Society Presentation (1:15) 3rd grade students studying economics will talk about supply/demand and each "sell" a product they created to their peers and parents

May 24 - Meadow Ridge Field Day (9-10:30 or 12:15-1:45)

May 31 or June 1 - High Point Talent Show (7:00 p.m. on the 31st, 8:30 a.m. on the 1st) June 1 and 4 - Kindergarten end-of-year presentations at Prairie School (10:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.) \*They sing songs and recite poems

June 1 - Centennial 3rd grade recorder concert (8:45 or 10:00 a.m.)

June 5 - High Point Field Day (Time TBA)

June 6 - Last Day of School

June 11 - Board Meeting at Admin. Center (7:30 p.m.)

## Orland Park's water conservation program begins May 15th

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect May 15<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Over the last several years, as the community has grown, it has become more difficult to maintain adequate water levels during the summer months.

Lawn sprinkling and outdoor water usage is permitted only between the hours of 7 and 11 - both a.m. and p.m. - year round. Between May 15 and September 15 peak water conservation measures are in effect. All outdoor water usage is restricted to an odd/even address basis and only during the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the permitted day. Conservation water rates are also in effect during this time for water usage exceeding 16,000 gallons.

Regulated outdoor water usage includes but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinkling or underground irrigation systems for residential and commercial properties, all noncommercial car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car-wash operations or filling of swimming pools.

Newly sodded lawns may be watered more frequently

upon application for and a receipt of a special permit from the Public Works Department. Those violating the Village's water usage provisions are subject to fines up to \$750 for each offense. Each day of violation and each violating location shall be considered a separate offense.

Questions regarding lawn sprinkling or outdoor water usage may be directed to the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

## Orland Park Vehicle stickers on sale on May 14

All vehicles registered to Village of Orland Park addresses must display a current village vehicle sticker. New residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker. Applications for the 2007-09 stickers will be mailed to all village addresses in mid-May. Residents who do not receive a preprinted application in the mail must come to the Village Hall to purchase stickers or call the Cashier's Office at 403-6170 to ask that a form be mailed.

Stickers will be available for purchase beginning Monday, May 14, 2007 through June 30, 2007 without penalty. Car and motorcycle stickers are \$15.00 each while stickers for recreational vehicles are \$22.00 each.

Trucks vary in price from \$22.00 to \$127.00 depending on the license plate class. Senior citizens 65 years of age and older may purchase a vehicle sticker for \$1.00.

For more information, please call the Cashier's Office at 403-6170.

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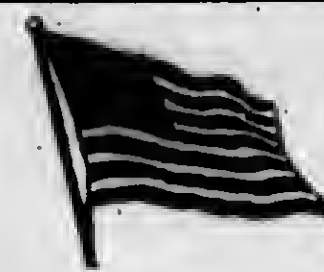
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May 15, 2007

## Worth Township announce boys volleyball winners

The Worth Township Youth Commission would like to announce the winners of the Boys Volleyball Tournament. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner is The Hamlin School (in the blue uniforms); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place the Sutherland School (in the maroon uniforms) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place the Sutherland School (in the white/gray uniforms).

The participants are boys from grades 4-8. The pictures of the winners are available on our website: [www.worhtownship.com](http://www.worhtownship.com)

## Outdoor Flea Market held

by Palos Hills

The Palos Hills community Resource and Recreation Department will have an outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm.

It is located in the parking lot behind the Community Activity Center, 8455 W 103<sup>rd</sup> St. Palos Hills. Call 708-430-4500 for more data.

## Family Programs

All programs will be held at the Lake Katherine Environmental Learning Center. Reservations are required for all programs. Registration and payment for programs must be in person at Lake Katherine no later than the Thursday before the program.

(NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED)

Space is limited. Early registration is recommended. For more information please contact our Naturalists at 708/361-1873

Lake Katherine Nature Corps

All new hands on outdoor discovery experience. Each day corps members will engage in a variety of activities that focus on a particular area of the preserve. Practice orienteering to find a treasure. Plant an area in the preserve and contribute to its beauty. Explore the land to learn more about the animals that live here and test the water to see what is in the lake. Don't forget canoeing, hiking and campfire building too.

Age: 11-15 years old Session 1 June 11-15

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Cost: \$75.00 Min/Max: 6/12

Register by: Thursday before session begins Kamp Habitat

Spend a week combining fun with learning through active discovery at Lake Katherine. Learn about the natural world through games, crafts and daily explorations. Some activities are; hiking to find treasure, digging in the forest floor, planting in the gardens and much more.

Ages: 7-10 years old Session 1 June 25-29

Session 2 July 23-27 Session 3 August 6-10

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm Cost: \$75.00

Min/Max: 6/12

Register by: Thursday before Kamp

Little Explorers

One hour long programs for

Parents and children age 3-6 years old Preregistration and payment is required.

Space is limited.

**Life in a Pond** Take a frogs eye view of our vernal pond area exploring for tadpoles, frogs and pond plants. We'll sing a froggy song and make a froggy craft.

Cost: \$5.00 Min/Max 3/10

Day Date Time

Saturday June 2, 2007 10:00am Thursday June 7, 2007 9:30am

Friday June 8, 2007 9:30am

**Fun with Bubbles** We'll experiment with a variety of props to make bubbles, sing a bubbly song, play a bubble game and blow lots and lots of bubbles.

Cost: \$5.00 Min/Max 3/10

Day Date Time

Thursday June 21, 2007 9:30am Friday June 22, 2007 9:30am

Saturday June 23, 2007 10:00am

**Active Ants** Get busy and go buggy looking at ants. We'll learn how ants cooperate and work together by playing a cooperative ant game. Watch ants in their home and make an "antsy" craft.

Cost: \$5.00 Min/Max 3/10

sample from the Web site:

Cleaner Air and Water

Proper care of trees, grass and shrubs benefits everyone. For example: In a year's time, a single tree can remove 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. This equals 11,000 miles of car emissions. Add up the trees in your neighborhood and you might see an even more important contribution-according to one study, an acre of trees can annually remove 13 tons of particles and gases. It's also important to have an efficient program for mowing, fertilizing and weeding your lawn. That's because thick, healthy turf grass acts as a natural filter, helping to clean water as it's absorbed into the plant and root zone and prevent groundwater contamination.

Lower Energy Costs

Proper planning regarding what kind of trees to plant and where to plant them can pay big dividends. In addition, your mature trees should be pruned properly to maximize shade benefits. When in doubt, seek professional advice as to the type and location of the trees you should plant and how to care for them. That's important, because one study estimates that, when properly placed to shade your home, trees can reduce air-conditioning demand by 10 to 30 percent.

Added Home Value

It's well documented that sprucing up your green space pays off in added home value. A study cited in SmartMoney magazine indicated that consumers value a landscaped home at a value that's up to 11.3 percent higher than its base price. In addition, The Wall Street Journal reported that landscaping investment is normally recovered fully and sometimes doubled by its ability to increase home value. Again, it's wise to seek professional advice to get more value from your efforts.

Showcase Your Green Efforts

To help homeowners showcase their landscapes, Project EverGreen has announced its 2008 Because Green Matters Calendar contest. Deadline for submitting photos is Aug. 31, 2007. Those selected will be the "feature of a month" on a high-quality calendar distributed nationwide. Enter online at [www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com).

Project EverGreen is a national nonprofit organization representing green industry service providers, associations, suppliers/distributors, media companies, other organizations and individuals. Project EverGreen's mission is to raise the awareness of the environmental, economic and lifestyle benefits of landscapes and promote the significance of those who preserve and enhance green spaces at home, work and play.

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### Escape Scrape Sorrows

(NAPSA)-Knowing how to handle chafing, blisters, scrapes and scratches can keep them from causing irritation, scarring or infection. Here are some suggestions:

**Do Start Right.** Wash hands first, then press firmly with a clean cloth to stop bleeding. Remove dirt or debris, either by gently running cool water over the area or, if necessary, with tweezers.

**Don't Blow It.** While it may be instinctive to "blow" on a boo-boo, this can spread germs.

**Don't Use Alcohol.** Not only will it hurt, it can also slow healing.

**Do Help Skin Heal.** Keep the wound clean and try a protective barrier that lets skin breathe. For example, Aquaphor Healing Ointment creates a moist, breathable barrier to help protect raw, exposed skin from speeding healing and minimize scarring.

You can find more tips when you visit [www.cdc.gov/USCOP](http://www.cdc.gov/USCOP)

## YOUR YARD

### The Hidden Benefits Of Green

(NAPSA)-When it comes to yards, the color green may be worth its weight in gold.

Experts now say green matters and that the importance of keeping things green could change your mind about mowing, clipping, planting, weeding and a host of other outside tasks.

According to Den Gardner, executive director of Project EverGreen, there's growing evidence that doing these "chores" in the right

way can add up to real value-not only for your bank account, but for your family, your community and the environment. If all that sounds like a tall order, you may want to take a minute to review some useful information about the many values of green space available at [www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com). Here's a





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## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for May 15<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also on-line. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: This is just another of those non-plus weeks where things simply are not what they seem to be.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Take a hint from the experts, do your best & let higher powers do the rest. Travel involved.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not the time for arguing. Be diplomatic. Take a trip. Be with the children.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: One thing for sure, you are not living a boring life. This week proves it. C & K aid.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Someone says, "put up or shut up." Many of you can win big money this week.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You may learn something about a relative that is not good to repeat this week. K aids.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: You might be walking on eggshells this week relating to your love life. Speak up, talk more.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: One thing for sure, you won't be shy when it comes to speaking up. Good for you.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: This is a week of good things happening, one after the other. You are on a winning path.

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A Quick and Easy Recipe with a premium healthy beverage company, introduces a fun and unique blueberry milkshake recipe that will put a smile on everyone's face this spring.

### TrueBlue Blueberry Punch

#### Ingredients:

2 cups TrueBlue  
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1 cup orange juice  
2 tbsp lemon juice  
1 cup fresh or frozen  
blueberries

Method: Mix all ingredients in a punch bowl. Serve over ice and garnish with lemon or orange slices if desired.

TrueBlue® Blueberry Juice Cocktail is an all natural product that is lightly sweetened with cane sugar. With 25% fewer calories per serving than most cranberry-based products, TrueBlue® is also a preferred dietary choice for health-conscious consumers.

Studies have shown that blueberries are packed with health benefits. A recent USDA study ranks blueberries as #1 in antioxidants when compared to 40 other fruits and vegetables. In addition to fighting cancers and heart disease, studies have shown that blueberries also lower cholesterol, slow down the aging process and improve eyesight, coordination and balance.

The juice has been getting very positive attention by winning awards including "Best Beverage of 2006" and "People's Pick" at America's Best Food Show in California, "People's Choice" in 2006 at the Good Food Festival in Toronto, and "Best New Blueberry Beverage in 2005" by the North American Blueberry Council. TrueBlue® has also been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC and Fox.

TrueBlue® is available in six flavors including Blueberry, Blueberry-Blackberry, Blueberry-Cranberry, Blueberry-Iced Green Tea, Blueberry-Pomegranate and

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Pictured L - R Christian Owens, Joey Traversa, Steven Traversa, Jack McLaughlin, Pam Traversa; troop leader, Mayor James Sexton

## Cub Scout Troop 3644 earns citizen badge

In order to receive a citizen badge the cub scouts require their members to take part in their village government. Troop 3644 chose to sit in on the Village of Evergreen Park's Village Board meeting. Not only did the troop witness first hand how their local government passes ordinances, approves resolutions, hears requests and responds to its citizens publicly they also led the meetings Pledge of Allegiance.

Afterwards the pack met with Mayor Sexton for a question and answer session. The boys did a fine job and earned their badge.

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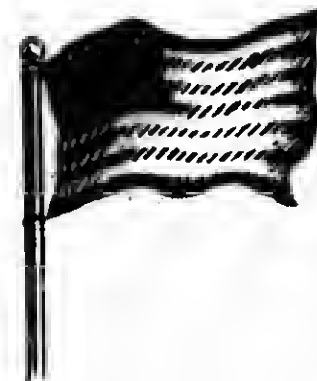
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June 5, 2007

## The kids played at Mt Greenwood Sox Field

by Marijo Doody

The Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend was a big hit with the kids in the area. They were all decked out in their "White Sox" finery. At the field for handicapped players, I watched a T-ball game with little people getting to hit and get to the bases with older kids helping. All kids want to play ball!

There was a camp that day sponsored by Chicago White Sox and the Mt Greenwood Park District. It looked like 60-70 kids seated in the infield would get certificates, along with shirts and autographs.

One of our local young men, Isaac Valdez, Director of Membership Sales at the Bulls-Sox Academy in Lisle rounded up the kids for autographs. Isaac indicated he graduated from St Laurence High School in 1993, where he played baseball and received his degree from Northern Illinois University. He said he worked in banking for five years. When the White Sox called him about the position with baseball he could not wait to begin. He is now 32 and most happy and the kids flocked to him.

At the autograph table under the 670 SCORE tent were Don Cooper (pitching coach), Rob Mackowiak (outfielder) and Toby Hall (catcher) of the current Chicago White Sox team. Ms Berea from Major League Baseball said "I have never seen such an orderly autograph session." This is a credit to our south side kids and parents. There were lots of parents with their children or other family members.

Sox mascot Southpaw was at another autograph station for photos, signings and I got a kiss. The 10am to noon 670 the SCORE talk show was broadcast from the site next to the field. They had interviews with Sox Administration, players and Park District Administration.

Ms Berea from Major League Baseball was covering the event for MLB for a story on The White Sox and their charities. She was most interested in talking with persons who had seen the kids play at various times. I had seen a year ago several young people in wheel chairs, hit and helped to 1<sup>st</sup> base by some caring Mt Carmel High School kids.

The kids T-shirts read "I train Like a Sox Champion" White Sox Training Centers Summer Camp. It rained off and on but the spirit was not dampened at all. The kids can play thanks to Chicago White Sox Charities (CWSC).

White Sox Mascot, Southpaw can appear at your family function, wedding, parade, store, or birthday party. You can e-mail him [Hc\\_loves\\_birthdays](mailto:Hc_loves_birthdays@chicagowhitesox.com) and is great with kids and brides.

Chicago White Sox Charities Mission Statement reads as follows: Chicago White Sox Charities provides annual financial, in-kind and emotional support in hundreds of Chicago-based organizations, including those leading the fight against cancer or dedicated to improving the lives of Chicago's youth through education and athletics.

With the generous support of White Sox fans, friends and sponsors CWSC has donated millions of dollars since its inception in 1990 striving to improve the quality of life for Chicagoans of all ages, races and genders. To the Chicago White Sox, winning goes beyond the baseball diamond into the community. The White Sox and CWSC want to inspire, educate and embrace Chicago to create a lasting legacy for future generations. ([chicagowhitesox.mlb.com/cws/community/southpaw.jsp](http://chicagowhitesox.mlb.com/cws/community/southpaw.jsp))



Pictured above; McKenna Moran and Isaiah Colon along with Captain Robert Murphy

## Northwest school students win Fire Truck ride to school

On May 30, 2007 two students from third grade classes at Northwest school received rides to school courtesy of the Evergreen Park Fire Department for winning a contest. Students in Mrs. Norton and Wittinghams' classes developed home fire safety escape plans that were reviewed and verified by the student's parents. All participants' names were placed into a hat to pick the two lucky winners.

## Hickory Hills Park District is looking for you

### Not In Mom's Kitchen

Learn why bread rises, what makes mold grow and why a simple little mint can make a bottle of soda shower like Buckingham Fountain. Kids ages 8 - 12 will gain some hands on experience on Thursdays, June 21 and 28, 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at the Krueger Park Rec. Center. \$20 Resident; \$25 Non-Resident (fee includes all materials). Note: Experiments will be messy; participants should wear appropriate clothing.

### Shooting Stars

This 5-week class for kids ages 6-10 years is the perfect introduction to basketball for all future stars. Kids will work on drills, passing, dribbling, shooting and the basic rules of the game on Wednesdays, June 20 - July 25, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. at the

Krueger Park Rec. Center.  
\$23 Resident; \$28 Non-Resident (fee includes t-shirt.)

### Salsa Aerobics

Aerobics with a Latin dance theme, broken into fun and easy to follow routines gives you the excitement of being on the dance floor while giving you the benefits of a workout. The Hickory Hills Park District will host Salsa Aerobic classes at the Cynthia Neal Center on Fridays, June 29 - August 10, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. for participants 18 years and older. \$32 Resident; \$37 Non-Resident.

### Total Work Out

A low-impact aerobic class will be offered Monday and Thursday evenings, June 18 - August 23, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Cynthia Neal Center, 8047 W. 91<sup>st</sup> Place. Step aerobics, muscle toning and strengthening to energetic music will be featured in this class designed for participants 16 years and older. \$49 Resident; \$54 Non-

## Oak Lawn Police notice

On May 28, 2007 at approximately 8:45pm an attempted Car Jacking took place in the 5400 block west of 108<sup>th</sup> Pl in Oak Lawn. The offender approached the victim as he parked his vehicle at the curb. The offender displayed a handgun and demanded the vehicle. The offender then shot the victim twice in the torso while the victim was still inside of his vehicle.

After the offender gained control of the vehicle he attempted to drive away but the vehicle security system caused the vehicle to stall and it became inoperable. The offender fled and then re-entered the vehicle that had dropped him off. This vehicle description was given out via radio and Evergreen Park Police observed a vehicle matching the description in the 10100 block of Kedzie.

When the Evergreen Park Police attempted to stop the vehicle it fled from the police eventually striking a tree at 99<sup>th</sup> & Avers, Evergreen Park where three subjects were taken into custody. One of these subjects was identified as the shooter. All three subjects were transported to Christ Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

Two of the subjects were treated and released and are currently in custody of the Oak Lawn Police Department and the third is still being treated at Christ Hospital. The victim is also still being treated at Christ. The investigation is continuing and charges are expected very soon.

Resident.

### Easy Does It

The Hickory Hills Park District offers an exercise class designed for participants ages 55 and older. Warm up with range of motion exercises and stretching, followed by a low impact aerobics segment and end with toning, firming and more stretching. Everyone is encouraged to go at their own pace. Classes are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday mornings, June 19 - August 14, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$41 Resident; \$46 Non-Resident.

### Rhythm City Casino

Board a bus full of fun and excitement headed toward Davenport, Iowa and the Rhythm City Casino on Wednesday, June 27.

The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and is expected to return full of big winners at 8:00 p.m. \$25 (fee includes transportation.

gaining session, lunch buffet and a \$9 credit on your player's card.) Participants must be 21 years or older.

## Burbank Park District

### VICTORY! VICTORY!

This as well as other cheers, jumps and routines are what this class is all about. Technique and style are stressed. Wear gym shoes and comfortable clothing. Everything you learn will be put to test. The class will meet at Newcastle Park on Thursday's from 5-6pm for age 4-6 and 6:15-7:15 for ages 7-12. Class dates for cheerleading are June 7-August 9. Fee is \$56 Residents and \$83 Non-Residents

Newcastle Park is 8050 South Newcastle Ave in Burbank. Call 708-599-2070 for more data.

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## Doody's Doodlings

by Marijo Doody

The White Sox this Memorial Day weekend honored the men and women in our United States Service. The Navy Band did the "Star Spangle Banner" and there was a campaign to write a thank-you note to our service men and women serving our country. The attendance was over 38,000 and there were 44,208 notes of appreciation signed for the service men and women. The press announced that this year all men and women in uniform of the service would be given a free ticket for the game on US Cellular. This is great!

At the recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner from the Oak Lawn Park District (OLPD), one of the theatre young volunteers commented that she Sally Diskellis, had won an Art Award at Oak Lawn Community High School. She is currently a junior and hopes to peruse an education in the arts. She enjoys doing portraits. She was the cookie gal at performances at OLPD when she was not performing on stage.

The St. Bernadette Choir, under the direction of Maggie Lewis-Bilas, Music Director, has been invited to sing at Gift of Help Church in Evergreen Park in June. The choir has had members from grammar school children through seniors. Many of the members who are now adults had their beginnings in music fostered in the St. Bernadette Choir.

One of the golfing friends, Janet Regan, mentioned she had offered instructions to children in gardening aspects at the Oak Lawn Children's Museum (OLCM) in a recent program joint with the Oak Lawn Garden Club (OLGC). The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, 9600 East Shore Drive, is an interactive Museum for Children that engage them on creative play. OLCM activities include a water table, periscopes, kite making and various theme projects weekly. Janet from the OLGC indicated the children made potted plants and enjoyed the day.

While on the golf course, some of the ladies in the Tuesday Senior Women league are in the OLGC and indicated they were responsible for planting gardens around Oak Lawn to keep it beautiful this season. Marci Stritch and Rose Bennett have given time and talents for these beauty programs.

Volunteers are a Treasurer was the theme at the Oak Lawn Park District's recent Award Thank You to those who gave of their time in various programs including theater, early childhood and handicapped activities and other nice things done by persons who care and make a difference. Several dozen people received certificates of appreciation, a gift bag, door prizes and a nice supper and fellowship.

Well, summer is coming soon. I recently saw some family things for outings in our Southland area. For museum trips there is Bronzville Children's Museum in the Evergreen Park Plaza at 96<sup>th</sup> and Western. It shows the African American culture in Chicago for the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The OLCM is also a visiting museum target.

For an outdoor experience there is Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens, 7402 Lake Katherine Dr, Palos Heights, 708-361-1873. There are 158 acres of land along the Cal-Sag Channel. There are several miles of walking trails, a butterfly garden and a variety of wildlife. I'll bet lots of cicadas too. VVN's wishes to all a happy, safe, productive and restful summer.



(left to right) Lloyd Bowman ( Virginia Beach, VA); Ron Stacy ( Palos Heights, IL )

For the fifth consecutive year, sailors and marines in New York City for Fleet Week got the ultimate "Big Apple" greeting when they were photographed in groups, with their images simultaneously projected on the News Astrovision

by Panasonic Video Screen. The giant video screen is located in the heart of Times Square, on the building where the famed New Year's Eve Ball drops.

This annual Fleet Week event, held on Times Squares' Military Island, is a collaborative effort of Fleet Week, the USO of Metropolitan New York, the United States Navy and Panasonic.

This year, the commemorative photos were made available to the visiting sailors and marines on the spot, via Panasonic photo technology, in specially mounted keepsake folders. The photos are also available via the internet and were sent to their hometown newspapers so friends and neighbors could enjoy this special New York City visit.

## Political Editorial

by Annette Dixon

I am sorry to say that national media has done it again. Sucken so low that they actually sold papers. They helped their democratic candidates put more cash into their war chests and confused the public even more about who is actually running for the democratic campaign.

Somehow a very informed Republican voter asked me my opinion as to who I would vote for in this election, Obama or Clinton? I said isn't their a Republican running for office? She said no Annette, you know there's an election between Obama and Clinton. Gee can the media really influence the voter?

Off of this subject onto local politics. Did you know that in every south suburb the Mayor or President maintains some presence of leadership and yet in Chicago there were many new alderman ready to knock the leader off his throne.

Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, and Burbank, border Chicago and they too had the big box issues.

In Evergreen Park, I remember when the Evergreen Park Cemetery wanted to sell some larger parcels of land to Menards and Home Depot. That would have been a great opportunity for more revenue in Evergreen Park but Mayor Vacco went along with his constituents. The same thing happened in Oak Lawn. Mayor Kolb went along with constituents.

There is no right or wrong here, what I am mentioning is the power in which the leaders bend when needed for the constituents.

Thank God the young ambitious political person comes along and wins an election. Mayor Jim Sexton was actually in office as Village Clerk under the leadership of Mayor Vacco, so he learned the ropes. Mayor Sexton of Evergreen Park is sound in local government and well primed. We even have new stores going up called Evergreen Plaza on 2800 W. 95th Street along with big box stores and a wonderful look from 87 to 91st and Kedzie Avenue. He knows more revenue coming from businesses is the meat for the village. This is a vibrant community.

In Oak Lawn, President Dave Heilmann gets credit for not going along with any lawsuits by allowing Target and condos to continue their developments. Surely the old regime knew what they were doing, they just didn't do it fast enough.

Burbank was successful as a bedroom community for many years because their main revenue was from big business which came from along Cicero Avenue, which some areas are in Bedford Park.

Mayor Gene Siegel another superb leader in Chicago Ridge has Chicago Ridge Mall in the suburb. Things just do not happen great leaders make it happen.

Oak Lawn could of had the property that the Mall sits on but the trustees that were in office at the time decided to vote it down.

## OAK LAWN SENIOR HAPPENINGS

The Senior Center is located at 5330 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street in the heart of town. Along with all regular activities that are offered additional events have been scheduled. Monday, June 18th at 9:30 a.m. a representative from VITAS Hospice Care will be at the Center to discuss the misconceptions of hospice care. They are a leading caregiver focusing on adult and pediatric patients with a widerange of life limiting illnesses. She will discuss how they enhance a patient's comfort and overall quality of life with no out of pocket expenses.

On the same morning at 10:00 a.m., Brenda Celmer will present her program "Live Life Laughing". This interactive program will show the physical and mental benefits there are in laughter and how it can improve your life. For further details on any of the activities at the Center, please stop by for a calendar of events or call 499-0240.

## BOX LUNCH DAY

The Oak Lawn Senior Center's next Box Lunch Day is Thursday, June 28th. The day features a hot lunch with refreshments, an informational program and social time. To make this affordable to Village seniors local businesses help by being a sponsor. June's sponsor will be 21st Century

Chiropractic, located at 4907 West 95 Street. Dr. Gerald Helwig, a renowned licensed doctor of chiropractic will make a presentation. Their care is based upon the philosophy that the body has the ability to heal itself naturally through unrestricted communication between the brain, spinal cord and nervous system. Their goal is finding the root cause of each patient's symptoms to alleviate the pain and restore well being. Dr. Helwig's presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m. and you must be at the presentation to receive lunch.

The cost to the senior is \$3.00 and tickets may be purchased at the Center. Seating is limited. For further information you may call 499-0240 or stop by the Center located at 5330 West 95 Street. Thanks 21st Century Chiropractic!

Therefore they didn't purchase that land. Along came a young man Eugene Siegel who didn't get appointed to a State Representative position, ran instead for Mayor of Chicago Ridge and the rest is history.

Now let's look at Chicago and the new Aldermanic race. Jesse Jackson Jr. supported many candidates and also supported his wife Sandi who won her election.

Was one of the issues big box ordinances? Of course and there again, a lot of money went for the candidates that were for the unions, some won and others didn't. Did it change the demographics of the aldermanic seats, yes. We will notice in the suburbs how this can affect us. I am sure someday it will, just as when Oak Lawn started buying water from Chicago years ago.

Leadership is vital in any business and government is one big business. The voters should know their candidates and know the candidate will support the issue that they fought to get themselves into office. As you know that doesn't always happen.

Oak Forest is having some business development

problems. Cicero Avenue from 151 through to 159th are showing some vacancies.

If this article can influence some businesses to develop within these and other south suburban communities, then I did my job by promoting more revenue into a village and keeping it sound for all who wish to live in a vibrant growing community.

Chicago is putting up more high rises then they had in all of the history of Chicago. The aldermanic board is looking for revenue also but they are measuring the sources with a fine tooth comb. When they get the nod from Jesse Jr. I'm sure they'll know how to vote.

Well I started my editorial about politics and the primary election and Illinois's favorite candidates, but I didn't mention who I was voting for. Thank God We have the United States of America, when people start having discussions on who they are voting for, then you know our country is in trouble.

We love our freedom in this country and want to preserve it and we do not like to talk about who we are going to vote for. So pollsters don't count those votes too soon.

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## Local resident teaches students journalism

Southside resident Laura Guilfoyle, known for her membership in community organizations and taking an active role within those organizations, has been teaching for three years at Jefferson School in Chicago Heights.

On Tuesday, May 29th, Laura introduced her fifth grade class to two representatives from The Chicago Tribune and to Annette Dixon from Village View Publications.

We were introduced to the teachers and students at a pizza party at Nicky T's Restaurant, which was walking distance from the school. This party was sponsored by a grant from the Japanese Chamber and Commerce & Industry of Chicago.

The purpose of the party was to culminate a year long program for students to be involved in the study of newspapers and the process of publishing. This was a way for students to have the reading material in hand.

Laura divided the class into units in which each unit worked on a specific job. Some wrote, others were photographers and most students helped with proof-reading, editing, layout and design.

Congratulations to the students from the 5th grade class at Jefferson School in Chicago Heights and their teacher, Laura Guilfoyle for undertaking such a huge project and completing it.

## Beverly South Christian Women's Club holds luncheon

Beverly South Christian Women's Club will host a June is Busting Out All Over Luncheon on Thursday, June 21, at noon.

It will be held at the Lexington House banquet facility, in Hickory Hills. Cost of the luncheon is \$11 payable at the door.

Please call Helen at 708-598-8191 or Judy at 708-733-233-7949 for information. Men are invited this month.

## EARTH TALK

### From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What is causing the dramatic decline in honeybee populations in the U.S. and elsewhere in recent years, and what is being done about it? — James Harris, Akron, Ohio

Kids everywhere may revel in the fact that bees are no longer stinging them as frequently on playgrounds and in backyards, but the decline in honey bee populations in the U.S. and elsewhere signals a major environmental imbalance that could have far-reaching implications for our agricultural food supply.

Brought here from Europe in the 1600s, honeybees have become widespread across North America and are bred commercially for their abilities to pollinate crops—90 different farm-grown foods including many fruits and nuts depend on them—and produce honey. But in recent years populations across the continent have plummeted by as much as 70 percent, and biologists are still scratching their heads as to why and what to do about the problem which they have termed "colony collapse disorder" (CCD).

Many believe that our increasing use of chemical pesticides and herbicides, which bees ingest during their daily pollination rounds, are largely to blame. Commercial beehives are also subjected to direct chemical fumigation at regular intervals to ward off destructive mites. Another leading suspect is genetically modified crops, which may generate pollen with compromised nutritional value.

It may be that the buildup of both synthetic chemicals and genetically modified crop pollen has reached a "tipping point," stressing bee populations to the point of collapse. Lending credence to this theory is that organic bee colonies, where chemicals and genetically modified crops are avoided, are not experiencing the same kind of catastrophic collapses, according to the nonprofit Organic Consumers Association.

Bee populations may also be vulnerable to other factors, such as the recent increase in atmospheric electromagnetic radiation as a result of growing numbers of cell phones and wireless communication towers. The increased radiation given off by such devices may interfere with bees' ability to navigate. A small study at Germany's Landau University found that bees would not return to their hives when mobile phones were placed nearby. Further research is currently underway in the U.S. to determine the extent of such radiation-related phenomena on bees and other insect populations.

Biologists also wonder if global warming may be exaggerating the growth rates of pathogens such as the mites, viruses and fungi that are known to take their toll on bee colonies. The unusual hot-and-cold winter weather fluctuations in recent years, also blamed on global warming, may also be wreaking havoc on bee populations accustomed to more consistent seasonal weather patterns.

A recent gathering of leading bee biologists yielded no consensus, but most agree that a combination of factors is likely to blame. "We're going to see a lot of money poured into this problem," says University of Maryland entomologist Galen Dively, one of the nation's leading bee researchers. He reports that the federal government plans an allocation of \$80 million to fund research in connection with CCD. "What we're looking for," Dively says, "is some commonality which can lead us to a cause."

CONTACTS: Organic Consumers Association Bees Info, [www.organicconsumers.org/bees.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/bees.cfm); Colony Collapse Disorder in Honey Bees, [http://pestalert.ifas.ufl.edu/Colony\\_Collapse\\_Disorder.htm](http://pestalert.ifas.ufl.edu/Colony_Collapse_Disorder.htm).

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Why is it so controversial?  
—Jill Dorion, Missoula, MT

Since the dawn of civilization farmers have saved the seeds spawned by their crops and replanted them to grow more crops. Such is the natural science of agriculture that has provided food for thousands of years.

But a technology developed in 1998 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Delta & Pine Land Company, the U.S.'s largest producer of cotton seeds, genetically-engineers seeds to produce sterile offspring after the given crops yield their annual harvest. Though not yet commercially available, this would force farmers to purchase new seeds every year, ensuring greater sales for seed companies.

Canada's National Farmers Union said, "...genetic seed sterilization is dangerous and blatantly anti-farmer—suicide seeds threaten to intensify corporate control over Canadian agriculture and offer no benefits for farmers."

In 2000, the United Nations (UN), under its Convention on Biodiversity, got into the terminator fray by declaring a global moratorium on the technology due to environmental as well as socioeconomic concerns about its use. In March 2006 the UN upheld the moratorium, in the face of challenges by several countries—including Australia, Canada and New Zealand—pushing for commercialization.

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## Something Old Something New



Dear Brides to Be:

Your wedding cake is special and is to be eaten by everybody who attends the party. A nice thing to do for good luck is to have a special cake or pieces frozen for the first anniversary.

Also bridesmaids, pay close attention for you may also want to take a piece of wedding cake! It's good luck to find your prince and

don't forget about the flowers or frosting. It's an old tradition with a new twist. They say an unmarried bridesmaid who takes home a piece of cake and sleeps with it under her pillow will be engaged next.

I want your wedding to be special. A heart that loves bonds. Be Happy. Best Wishes.

Carlene O'Connor

## News from Gaelic Park

2007 Scholarship Essay Winners were announced St. Patrick's Day. They were as follows: Grammar school—Rachael Kinahan-8<sup>th</sup> grade (St. Catherine of Alexandris, Oak Lawn), Brian Sanderson 8<sup>th</sup> grade (St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove) and Erin Connolly 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Noonan Academy, Mokena). High school winners were Nicole Jaconetti, freshman, (Regina Dominican), Caitlin Myron, sophomore, (Providence HS New Lenox) and Michelle McGuire, senior, (Mother McAuley). The random drawing winners were Michael Murray, grade 6, Lakencis, Romeoville and Michael Casey, freshman, (Brother Rice HS).

St. Xavier University, Orland Park, will hold as Irish Studies Summer Program—namely Irish History. "From Celts to Christians: Ireland in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages" from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 14, 2007. Cost is \$165. Call 708-802-6200. They will have more Irish Studies in the fall.

Gaelic Park Women's Auxiliary generously donate all the goodies and coffee for the Our Lady of Knock celebration on August 21. It is always a grand celebration of prayer.

On Labor Day weekend the GAA's North American County Board Playoffs return to Gaelic Park for the first time since 2002. Approximately 50 teams from over 15 cities will compete at 9 levels, culminating in the National championship Games.

Biodiversity, [www.biodiv.org/default.shtml](http://www.biodiv.org/default.shtml); Stolen Harvest, [www.southendpress.org/2004/items/Stolen](http://www.southendpress.org/2004/items/Stolen).

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## Pryme Timers news

The Pryme Timers is an active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9230 S Pulaski Road in Oak Lawn, invites the entire community to their meeting on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Returning by popular demand on Flag Day, will be entertainer, Tim Burr. Much of the program will feature patriotic music honoring the Grand Old Flag. There will be some sing-a-long tunes, a spaghetti and meatball luncheon, prepared by Chef Pitluck at noon.

The cost is \$6 and requires a reservation. Call the church office at 708-422-5111 or Tom Panush at 708-636-7548 by Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There are accommodations for 200, so please reserve early. Transportation is provided upon request. A canned good for the Salvation Army Food pantry is also collected.

## Silver Fox will be Calling

Square Dance summer workshop

Rick Allison, The Silver Fox, will be calling Square Dance Plus Level summer workshops to be held Thursday evenings at Evergreen Park community Center, 3450 W 97<sup>th</sup> St in Evergreen Park. Rick is one of the most popular Callers

in the Chicago area and will help you brush up on your skills.

The workshop dances for experienced dancers will begin Thursday, June 7 at 7:30-9:30pm and continue subsequent Thursdays to Aug 23, except July 5 and 19.

The dances are sponsored by the Evergreen Park Recreation Department and hosted by the Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club. In mid-September, classes for new dancers will begin on Tuesdays. For more information call Jerry or Darlene @ 815-806-3040 or Helen at 773-735-7638.

## News from Stickney Township Office on Aging

Stickney Township Office on Aging, supervisor Louis S. Viverito announces massage therapy at the Senior Center. Kathy Deubel-Pipicn, licensed massage therapist will be performing massages every other Tuesday at the Louis S. Viverito Senior center in Burbank. You must be 60 years to participate.

Cost is \$10 for a 30-minute back or leg massage and \$15 for a full-body massage. Kathy performs massages on a massage

table or in a chair for your convenience. Call Stickney Township Office on Aging at 708-6636-8850 to make an appointment.

Stickney Township Office on Aging, located 6721 W 40<sup>th</sup> St Stickney will be hosting a Father's Day on Friday, June 15, 2007. Join for the fun-filled day of bingo and entertainment. The party begins at 9:30am. Lunch is at 11:30am. To register for the party call 708-788-9100.

## Mount Greenwood Garden Club news

The Mt Greenwood Garden Club will hold their annual garden Walk on Sunday, July 15, 2007 from 10am to 3pm, featuring six gardens to view. Tickets are \$8, which includes a map to each garden. The gardens this year are all new ones. There also will be a home included in this walk. Proceed go to the Mt Greenwoods 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Party in the Park, for senior citizen activities.

Tickets are available from our sponsor UN-REAL (Unique Artificial Flowers, Trees and Interior Design), 3514 W 111<sup>th</sup> St. Tickets are also available at the first house on the walk, 10444 S Christiana on Garden Walk Day, or call Kim at 773-779-8439.

## Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow will meet in Bridgeview

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, June 14 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant 7500 South Harlem, Bridgeview.

Aaron Kanadet will be the entertainment for June's meeting. Instead of a speaker, we will have an evening of mystery and intrigue. Aaron is a magician who just recently completed another training course. Tickets are \$13 available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served at 7:00.

Reservation are required by June 11th, please call June at 708-424-1656.

## The similarity of Greek owned restaurants

by Annette Dixon

In February when I was in Cairns, Australia my frequent actively was to be in the library to use the internet. Across the street from the Cairns Library was a well established restaurant with a taverna (patio effect with piped in music. With the ambience of Greece including the shouting from the manager.

This particular restaurant attracted me because of the location from my hotel. It was called Fetta's Greek Restaurant, opened at 6:00 p.m till late.

I understand that the Greek population in Chicago go to Greek town for their best meals, but I have only been there twice in my life. That particular day I had a taste for a Greek Salad with Feta Cheese and a sampling of fresh daily caught fish with lots of lemons and their famous bread.

The enjoyment of being there listening to the music and meeting the manager was very relaxing on a hot day in February.

Mr. (Steve) Manolalis told me his whole life story especially being married, divorced and the death of his ex-wife. As we know Chicago is not too large to meet people who know people from Chicago. In fact he married someone from Chicago by the name of Oshca. The daughter of the owner of Kitty OSheas. He if I could look up his son who manages the OSheas at O'hare Airport.

I tried, but he wasn't in and I didn't want to leave my name. Someday I will go into downtown OSheas and ask for Daniel Manolalis and tell him what Steve wanted him to know about him.

The music there was great but the conversation was even better.

Many years ago, while working on 63rd Street at one of the shows I use to go to Karson's Restaurant everyday for an open face turkey sandwich. They had the best I ever had.

I always thought it was their food, that I remembered, but later I realized I knew everyone in the place. Karson's moved from Englewood to 105th or 107th and Western. One of the brothers died, and the other started the restaurant at 95th. Nick Bountinas reminds me of the original owner because he's reserved and yet sincerely friendly and loves to converse.

I found out that he was a professional soccer player in Greece. Because of a knee injury, he lost his contract and then decided to come to the USA. Nick is very versatile for he worked for the State Department at one time and is owner of this restaurant. He manages and coaches for his son's soccer team.

Tom from Oak Lawn Family Restaurant is always in a good mood and greets everyone with a smile. Ms. June Hamer and the DuPuys spend many days in that fine restaurant.

When you are in Palos Heights say hello to my buddy Gus at Palos Gardens.

I remember him when he was doing renovation on his place.

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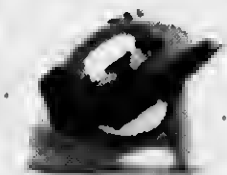
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## Wallace receives Realtor Magazine 30 Under Award

Oak Lawn resident Mary Margaret Wallace has been named as a Realtor Magazine 30 under 30 honoree for her outstanding success as a realtor. Wallace a lifelong resident of Oak Lawn, started her career in real estate in late 2003 at Caldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Oak Lawn.

In 2004 Wallace she earned a company-wide recognition as Rookie of the Year for Caldwell/Banker's west/southwest region. In 2006 she closed on 40 units for over \$5 million dollars in real estate sales. She has sold more than twenty million dollars of real estate since the beginning of her career.

Wallace was selected from over 600 applicants. As a real estate professional, she has demonstrated a knack for being able to understand and articulate her buyers. Wallace can be contacted at 708-203-1412 or email her at marymwallace@hotmail.com.

## Oak Lawn Garden Club sponsors walk

A Garden Walk sponsored by the Oak Lawn Garden Club is Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm. It is a self-guided tour of local gardens.

To order tickets call 708-499-0578 or purchase at Millie's Ice crème Shoppe, 5108 W 95<sup>th</sup> Street Oak Lawn. Tickets are \$8. Come rain or shine.

## Summer concerts in Oak Lawn on Village Green

The Village of Oak Lawn is planning a music-filled outdoor season with the Oak Lawn Summer concert Series held on Village Green in June, July and August. Village Green is located north of the Oak Lawn library and east of the Municipal Center. Concerts will begin at 7pm (weather permitting and end at 9:30pm).

The series includes the following concerts: Sunday, June 24-The Skylarks (Big Band and Swing Music)

Sunday, July 22-Yard Fulla Cars (Country rock) and Sunday, Aug 26-Railroad Gin (Southside's energetic rock from Pink Floyd to Elvis).

Performances are free. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments.

## EPFD warns residents regarding safety plans

The Evergreen Park Fire Department, in conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, is issuing an urgent plea to all residents to review their home fire safety plans and to install and check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Six people were killed in a Baltimore row house fire this week (May 22). Detroit is reporting its seventh fire fatality in the city in five days. Saginaw, Michigan is mourning the death of a man and five children killed in a house fire early Thursday,

May 24<sup>th</sup>. Two weeks ago, a Kentucky mom and her two children perished in a blaze.

"Something has to be done. Someway, somehow, we have to get the word out to people to protect themselves. We now have more protection available for our homes than ever before and yet people are losing their lives because they are not taking this protection seriously," said International Association of Fire Chiefs President, Chief Jim Harmes.

The U.S. Fire Administration cites the following statistics:

- Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.

- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chance of dying in a fire by nearly one-half.

- Nearly one-third of the residential fires and two-fifths of residential fire fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms.

"These deaths are not just numbers; they are personal tragedies that each of us as a fire chief feels every time a life is lost," said Harmes. Please, help us pass along these life-saving suggestions:

- Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be sure they are working properly.

- Have an escape plan with a meeting place.

- Once you exit your home, DO NOT return. Too many people lose their lives going back into a burning home.

- Stoves are not made for heating homes.

- Supplemental heating devices should be used and maintained in accordance

with manufacturer recommendations. Keep combustibles clear. Do not leave supplemental heating devices unattended.

- If you are burning wood in your fireplace, make sure your chimneys are properly maintained. That goes for your furnace, as well.

- If candles are necessary, use them in a safe environment in a fireproof container and away from children. Do not leave them unattended.

For further information on home fire safety contact the Evergreen Park Fire Department public education division at 708/422-2148.

## Roses Make A Big Splash In Outdoor Living Spaces

(NAPSA)-Gardens and patios are now among the most popular areas in the home. According to the National Gardening Association, Americans spend about \$37 billion a year on lawn and garden products.

Roses are a great choice for almost every outdoor space and can be planted in the ground or in containers.

With advances in hybridizing techniques, roses are easier to grow, more fragrant and more disease resistant than ever. If you have sunlight, water and a few minutes every other week, you have what it takes.

One way to ensure that you choose the best plants is to look for the All-America Rose Selections (AARS) red

rose seal of approval, which denotes an "AARS Winning Rose." Only AARS winners have excelled in the most difficult plant trial in the world: two years of testing in gardens in all climate zones. They must also perform well in criteria including fragrance, vigor and foliage.

Dr. Keith Zary, vice president of research at Jackson & Perkins and hybridizer of 10 winners, offers these tips for growing roses:

Contrast is key: juxtapose any garden or patio setting with plant life to soften the hardscape of wood, rock or brick. Roses are a compelling option because they come in a wide selection of plant sizes, colors and fragrances.

The odds have it: Consider framing your outdoor space with plants in groups of odd numbers. Clusters of rose shrubs in containers or a backdrop of five to seven rosebushes can bring both color and delightful fragrance to any setting.

Select the right spot: Roses like full sun and good air circulation. A benefit of potted roses is mobility: You can move the pots around to maximize their impact and your enjoyment.

Go vertical: Place a rosebush in the center of a container or your garden plot



Everything could be coming up roses for your garden if you heed a few hints.

and surround with "filler" plants at the base. The rose plant draws the eye upwards and adds height to the space, while the fillers add dimension at ground level. In pots, spillers accentuate the container for added pizzazz.

Roses to consider may include 2007 Winners Rain-bow Knock Out, Moondance and Strike It Rich, all suitable for the garden or for containers.

These and past years' winners are sold in select mail-order nursery catalogs and at nurseries and garden centers. For more tips and information, visit [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org).

## Pointers For Parents

### Raising A Child With Special Needs

(NAPSA)-An extraordinary book for anyone who knows a special-needs child describes what it's like to parent a child with special needs.

In "The Elephant in the Playroom" (Hudson Street Press), Denise Brodey introduces readers to a community of intrepid parents who share the dysfunctional lows and joyful highs of parenting a child with ADD, ADHD, sensory disorders, childhood depression, autism and physical and learning disabilities.

Parents from Florida to Alaska, with children ages 3 to 33, address everything from if and when to medicate a child to how to explain a child's behavior to strangers.

Written by ordinary parents, the book offers from-the-trenches accounts of how one makes it through the day.

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for June 5<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telafricnd!

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: Some of you are or will be traveling, pay attention to your belongings. Health improves.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is not a good week to speculate, especially in money matters. Demand quality!

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: Make amends where needed. Work on developing a new and better attitude about life.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: Don't let yourself be bored. Life is beautiful, live the best of it. Make new plans.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Read the above message & add this; tell it like it is, change what you can.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Arguments can develop over the most insignificant things. Talk it out, don't shout it out.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: What happens when anger meets reason? Reason proves out, anger loses out. You'll see!

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Just try to walk on mattresses or clouds, it's just as difficult as walking on eggshells!

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: You are your own worst enemy when it comes to self judgment. Be kinder to yourself.

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Psychic Mini-Sessions from 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] June 18<sup>th</sup>. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tuesdays [afternoon & evening] for all Regular services. Walk-ins welcome if time is available. Call us to see if time is available.

FREE Seminars to be announced. Seating will be limited & preregistration is recommended.

Psychic Insights  
Questions and Psychic Answers  
Good Advice

Good advice in 3 words or less, would you take it? Yes, you probably would if they could save your life or could make your life easier. Many people are consumed in their desire for "quantity" over "quality." Debbie says, "The many discount stores, i.e., dollar stores, see how they flourish! People come out with armloads of stuff they really don't need. It's a fact that people only require a roof over their head, food, water, clothes, medicine and a place to lay their head. They need to work and they need to play. The rest of what they slave so hard for is like dessert - the more they eat the fatter they get." Right Deb, many folks are bogged down in the burdens they create. Good advice in 3 words or less: "Less is best!"

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Oak Lawn Fire Department news

Eighteen students completed the Oak Lawn Fire Department Baby-sitters Education Class, which was conducted over a six-week period at Salem United Church. Classes are held in the spring and fall each year. Students learn topics such as the care and feeding of infants and children, entertaining children, what to do in an emergency and both adult and infant CPR.

Lt. Gary Patrick indicated one student; Robin Bond scored a perfect 100% on the final exam.

### Grandma's Cures

Did you know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately, without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional 'pain relievers.'

Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns.

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They clear up your stuffed nose.

Achy muscles from a bout of the Fly? Mix 1 tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture set for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.

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## St. Gerald is hosting a get together for twenty and thirty year olds

St. Gerald Parish is hosting a get together for the twenty-something and thirty-something set with Jazz, Food, Fun, Friendship. Music will be provided by Westchester Jazz.

This outdoor event will take place on the Parish Green from 6:00-10:00 pm June 16 on the Parish Green 9310 S. 55 Court Oak Lawn, IL Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office Cost \$10.

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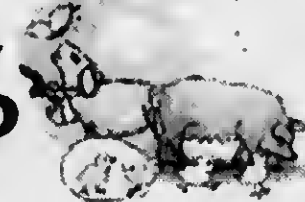


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There are different levels of camps to fit players of all skill levels. Sox Training Camps #1 (STC1) is for ages 7-9 for beginning players. Sox Training Camp #2 (STC2) is for ages 10-14 for more experienced players. Little Sluggers (LS) is for boys and girls 5-6 covering all the basics.

The following camps are in the South Suburban areas:

STC1	Alsip	Commissioner Park	1pm	
STC1	June 23-27			
STC1	Crestwood	Crestwood Rec-Ctr indoor	1pm	
STC1	June 11-15			
STC1	June 11-15	8:30am		LS
STC1	Evergreen Park	Duffy Field	1pm	
STC1	June 18-22			
STC1	June 18-22	1pm		LS
STC1	Hickory Hills	Kueger Park	1pm	
STC1	June 11-15			
STC1	Justice	Commissioner Park	1pm	
STC1	July 9-13			
STC1	Lemont	Centennial Park	1pm	
STC1	June 18-22			LS
STC1	June 18-22	1pm		
STC1	Merrionette Park	Merrionette Park	8:30am	
STC1	July 9-13			
STC1	Mt Greenwood Park (MGP)		8:30am	
STC1	July 23-27			
STC1	New Lenox	Tyler Bentley School	1pm	
STC1	June 25-29			
STC1	Oak Forest	Central Park	8:30am	
STC1	June 15-29			LS
STC1	June 25-29	8:30am		
STC1	Oak Lawn	Westside Baseball Field	8:30am	
STC1	June 11-15			
STC2	June 11-15	8:30am		
STC1	OakLawn BB Lge	99th Central Fields	8:30am	
STC1	July 16-20			
STC2	July 16-20	1pm		LS
STC1	July 16-20	8:30am		
STC1	Orland Park	Centennial Park	1pm	
STC1	June 11-15			
STC1	July 30-Aug 3	8:30am		
STC2	July 30-Aug 3	1pm		LS
STC1	July 30-Aug 3	8:30am		
STC1	Palos Heights	Meyers Park	8:30am	
STC1	June 18-22			LS
STC1	June 18-22	1pm		
STC1	Tinley Park	Community Park	1pm	
STC1	June 25-29			LS
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Camp costs are as follows: STC1 and 2 are \$199 and Little Sluggers is \$140. Every player receives the following: 6 tickets vouchers for a White Sox Home Game, White Sox Training Center Hat, T-Shirt and Graduation Certificate. Compete in the White Sox Skills Competition for the chance to participate in the finals at US Cellular Field.

Register at [www.bullssoxacademy.com](http://www.bullssoxacademy.com)

## The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn 4th annual birthday bash

Looking for something fun to do with the family? On Saturday, June 9, the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will be celebrating its 4th birthday! Come out and join us for our annual Birthday Bash presented by ChicagoParent.com. The event runs from 10am-2pm. Admission to the museum is FREE compliments of Archer Bank. We'll have face painting, games, crafts and activities for children.

The "Mane" Attraction will be from Forest View Farms who will be on hand between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm with their ponies and a petting zoo. This will be your chance to get up close and learn some things about some of the animals... maybe even ride a pony. Oh yeah, and they are bringing one of those big jumpers, too. Bally's Total Fitness will be holding Ti-Kwon-Do demonstrations. Dan Rocco, Jennifer Ames, and Joe Guido (and some of his students) will provide entertainment throughout the day and you'll even get to walk the "Musical Passage." You'll learn about music and have a chance to make some music of your own. And, because there is so much to do, there will be hot dogs, popcorn and other food available.

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will also be offering you an opportunity to be a permanent part of our new museum! For \$25, your child can paint a tile that will be placed inside the new Children's Museum, making your tile a permanent fixture inside the new museum. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the museum's capital campaign specifically designated for construction of the interior of the new facility, including exhibits.

### Bike Rodeo

Bring your big wheel, tri-cycle or bicycle and be ready for some fun at the Krueger Park Rec. Center. Thursday, June 28, children ages 4-12 years old will have a chance to test their riding, hand signals and your bike's safety. After testing, a drawing will be held for

## Dear Editor

The Illinois Family Institute applauds State Rep. Kevin Joyce for sponsoring and advocating legislation to require neighborhood libraries to filter pornography on Internet computers. Parents and law enforcement officials strongly support this common sense legislation.

Opponents of this bill suggest that this issue should be decided locally, because local officials know what's best for their communities. Yet I doubt that any local official believes that providing Internet pornography for adults or children in public libraries is somehow beneficial for the community.

No resident wants a family member rubbing shoulders in their local library with another person who has recently viewed sexually stimulating images on the Internet.

Some librarians claim that having to purchase filtering software creates a financial burden for the library district. What they aren't telling us is that once a library filters its Internet, they be-

come eligible for federal funds under the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) - an average of \$17,000 per library system. This is more than enough to pay for Internet filtering solutions.

Opponents also argue that filtering technology doesn't work. Yet even the liberal ACLU had an expert argue before a Federal District Court (in ACLU v. Gonzales, March 2007) that filters are about 95% effective in blocking unwanted sites, while providing full access to legitimate websites. The Justices agreed!

Internet filtering technology would help clean up communities and protect children and families from being exposed to harmful images in their neighborhood public library. Government, at every level, has a compelling interest here, especially as it pertains to children.

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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."  
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tacking the Liberals. In fact he has things all backwards. It is the conservative Right that is trying to take away the American Peoples right to Freedom of Speech.

Point 1) Targetting churches "Project Fair Play" may or may not be needed, but we need separation of Church and State; the last election the conservative right wing blurred the line between Separation of Church and State.

A friend of mine invited me to his church where the pastor was engaged in a political agenda promoting the Bush agenda just before the 2004 elections. This is very wrong and goes against the Constitution. Separation of Church and State is there for a reason. If the two are combined it creates too much power in any one sector of our democracy.

Point 2) The "Fairness Doctrine" was created before TV during the radio era to create checks and balances. This law did not expire in 1986 it was the Reagan administration that passed a bill to kill the "Fairness Doctrine" in an effort for the right to tighten it's grip on "freedom of Speech" and they succeeded. In a further effort to stifle Freedom of Speech the current Administration passed a bill killing the public forum response to changes in environmental laws, energy policy, etc... etc.... This is putting our Democracy in dire jeopardy.

To keep thing short I could go on about points 3, 5, and 6, but I won't.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, John Golden

## Dear, Editor

In regards to Robert Knights' article "The Liberal Attack on Freedom of Speech" he (Mr. Knight) needs to research things more thoroughly before at-

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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

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### A WRITER LIVES HERE

My passion for writing became evident during my teen years. What set me apart from the rest of the post-adolescent population, who were also putting pen to paper, was my vast collection of spiral notebooks filled with poetry and prose that, when stacked atop one another, reached two feet in height. Writing was my world.

When true love waltzed into my life, marriage vows were exchanged, and with the birth of two darling daughters, life was complete. One day while cleaning out the closets and other accumulations of life's clutter, the tall stack of spirals went by way of the curb. I retired my pen.

It was many years later, with a strong desire to share my feelings of parenthood, that I wrote my first essay in over twenty-five years.

I titled it 'Childhood Memories', which spoke of the fond remembrances of my children's youth. It was as if the flood gates had opened, my passion for writing had been reborn.

Soon I was etching out a myriad of sentiment across the pages of my life's memory.

My essays soon began collecting space in a magazine rack beside the couch.

There I was, a middle aged wife and mother with a new found goal - to share my creative thoughts in a public way (obsessed might be a better word.) I have hit many bumps along my literary journey. But, I was on a one woman mission to have a family life column published.

I pitched my idea to publishers and soon was blessed when my column found a home right here with the Village View. The publisher, Annette Dixon agreed to publish KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE. This November will mark my ten year anniversary of sharing this column with you.

Way back then it wasn't easy for me, seeing that I am quite shy by nature, but I learned to reach out and follow through with what I believed in. I also learned to take sage advice from seasoned writers who were kind enough to bless me with their wisdom. They told me to write everyday - it's the only way you can improve your writing and hone your craft. They also said to write what you know. They were so right. When I look back at some of my earlier work I find myself wishing I could go back and rewrite the pieces but then I realize that this is all part of the process. For all these years I have been given the opportunity to write my sentimental musings, from the heart. Words cannot express the fulfillment I feel in being able to do this.

Dreams come true when you realize that the progress you achieve comes from a strong belief in ones self. Life has a way of happening to us when we take the lead and follow our hearts.

Somehow I have always felt that I am exactly where I'm suppose to be.

And, as for the old saying - "Be careful what you wish for" - don't believe it.

No matter what your goals may be, just listen to your heart. follow your dream.

And if there comes a time when you can't seem to logically explain a constant yearning, or if the coincidence of positive results are adding up in your favor, keep this thought in mind - it just may be God nudging you in the direction of where you are meant to be. A writer lives here. That's what I tell myself as I sit at my computer, for in my heart that's what I am.

On June 9, 2007, I will be hosting a book signing of my recently released book - *LIFE IS A KALEIDOSCOPE*. Please join me in celebrating a dream come true.

Where: Mt. Greenwood Library - 110th Kedzie.

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Thought for the Week:

You are never given a dream without also being given the power to make it come true. (Richard Bach.)

## Plans for a new library at St. Xavier in the making

The Executive Committee of the Saint Xavier University Board of Trustees has unanimously approved President Judith A. Dwyer's recommendation of the architectural firm *Frye Gillan Molinaro Architects* to design a new library for the University's Chicago campus.

*Frye Gillan Molinaro Architects* was selected from four leading architectural firms that competed this spring in the second phase of an architectural design contest to select a firm to complete the design of a 21<sup>st</sup> century library. The Richard H. Driehaus 2004 Charitable Lead Trust donated stipends to pay for the designs, as it did with a previous competition in collaboration with University of Notre Dame's School of Architecture.

"The new library is the gateway project toward Saint Xavier University's vision of becoming recognized as a leading comprehensive Catholic university," President Dwyer said. "We look forward to working with *Frye Gillan Molinaro* on the next phase of this most important project."

The firm was chosen for a number of factors, including extensive prior experience designing libraries for both public and private higher learning institutions and the ability to creatively incorporate Saint Xavier's unique programmatic requirements. The design team will begin working this summer on schematic designs that will be used for fundraising and presented to the Trustees for approval in October.

A selection committee that heard presentations from the four firms unanimously recommended *Frye Gillan Molinaro Architects*. The selection committee was comprised of Dominick J. Hart, provost; Paul J. Matthews, assistant vice president, facilities management; Sister Lois Graver, '57, R.S.M., treasurer of the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Chicago; Richard P. Dober, senior consultant at Dober, Lidsky & Associates, Inc.; Mary T. Small, '54, chair, Library Advisory Council; Mary A. Dempsey, commissioner of the Chicago Public Library; and David J. Siebert, director of

facilities management at Lake Forest College.

Saint Xavier University's master plan includes locating a new library south of the Warde Academic Center along West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. There are no immediate plans to begin construction. One of the building requirements will be cutting-edge environmental standards. In October, Saint Xavier dedicated Arthur Rubloff Hall, Illinois' first university building to receive the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design's Gold designation for its "green building" approach.

that kicks off one of the bases; c. an argument or brawl.

4. What sports commentator and lifetime .300 hitter wrote a book titled "I Ain't an Athlete, Lady..." a. Bobby Murcer; b. John Kruk; c. Joe Morgan.

Answers: 1. c. Jeter accomplished the feat in 2000.2. a. Johnny Pesky was a light-hitting player for the Red Sox in the 1940s and 1950s-and later the team's manager. He only hit 17 home runs in his whole career,

but several of them wrapped around the right-field foul pole-which is just 302 feet from home plate.

3.c. Part of the baseball vernacular since 1943, the term "rhubarb," referring to a commotion, actually dates back to noises made on stage by Elizabethan actors when they portrayed an angry mob.

4.b. After walking away from baseball in 1995, Kruk became a sports analyst, writer and actor. One of his latest projects is "The Sandlot: Heading Home," the DVD sequel to the beloved 1993 hit.

The film, which also stars Luke Perry and Danny Nucci, follows successful, arrogant baseball superstar Tommy "Santa" Santorelli as he travels back to 1976 and relives his boyhood days on the sandlot baseball team, this time choosing friendship over glory, and ultimately earning both. The backyard baseball story recruits the universal values of friendship, teamwork and determination, to weave an inspiring and relatable story for sports fans of all ages. "The Sandlot: Heading Home" is available on DVD from Fox Home Entertainment. To learn more, visit [www.foxhome.com](http://www.foxhome.com).

### Baseball Fun Facts

(NAPSA)-For many families, a scrapbook of memories can be traced back to America's pastime. Whether it's a youngster's first trip to the ballpark, a casual game of catch in the backyard, or Mom and Dad cheering in the stand for a game-winning hit, baseball serves as an essential backdrop to a lifetime of experiences.

The sport of baseball brings people together in a variety of ways, from gathering to watch the World Series to organizing a "rotisserie" team; from tailgating outside the stadium to engaging in trivia challenges. Here are a few questions that you might be able to knock out of the park:

1. Who is the only player to be voted World Series MVP and All-Star Game MVP in the same season? a. Steve Garvey; b. Terry Steinbach; c. Derek Jeter.

2. What is the "Pesky Pole"? a. the right-field foul pole in Fenway Park; b. any part of the stadium structure that blocks a fan's view; c. the flagpole flying the banner of whatever team is in last place.

3. In baseball terms, what is "rhubarb"? a. a player who digs up a mound of dirt as he slides; b. a grounder

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Enrollment for the 2007 summer session at Moraine Valley Community College is currently underway. By enrolling in courses during the summer session, students can realize their goals and prepare for a successful future.

\* Transfer courses to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree

Moraine Valley offers classes for those interested in eventually transferring to four-year colleges or universities, earning associate's degrees or certificates to enter the workforce, or updating or learning new skills. Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee the transferability of course credits to other colleges and universities.

\* Superior technical training

Students can begin earning credits toward associate degrees in Arts, Fine Arts, Science, and Applied Science. Students also can choose from the many career programs offered at the college by earning credits toward an associate degree in Applied Science degree and/or certificates in many Allied Health and Nursing, Business, Industrial Technology, and Public Service areas. Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee students the technical skill competencies expected by future employers.

\* Commitment to student success

Many services are also available to Moraine Valley students, including financial aid, a Children's Learning Center, Academic Advising Center, Counseling and Career Development Center, Job Placement Center, Minority Student Transfer Center, and Center for Disability Services. Tutoring is also available.

\* Flexible Learning Options

Some of the college's courses are offered in different formats to accommodate the needs of students, making it easy for people to fit college classes into their life. These Flexible Learning Options for the 2007 summer session include:

—Directed Study Classes combine independent study and limited classroom work. Students meet once a week for eight-week courses and twice a week for four-week courses while devoting extra time to homework, library assignments, and instructor conferences.

—Field-Based Classes allow the student to study course material in a non-classroom environment, including hands-on learning at museums, galleries, architecture and performances.

Off-Campus Classes are offered at Moraine Valley's Education Center in Blue Island and at St. Germaine Church in Oak Lawn.

Online Courses are offered on the Web to students that have an e-mail address and access to a Web-equipped computer on a regular basis. More than 50 online classes are available during the summer 2007 semester.

Classroom/Online Courses meet fewer times on campus than traditional courses, but students are required to meet at Moraine Valley. Many class assignments, information and tests are on the course Web site. Students must have an e-mail address and access to a Web-equipped computer on a regular basis.

Telecourses on videotape offer flexibility and convenience to students by allowing them to attend limited class meetings, set up their own study hours, and work at their own pace.

Weekend Classes allow students to earn credits toward a degree while attending classes on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays.

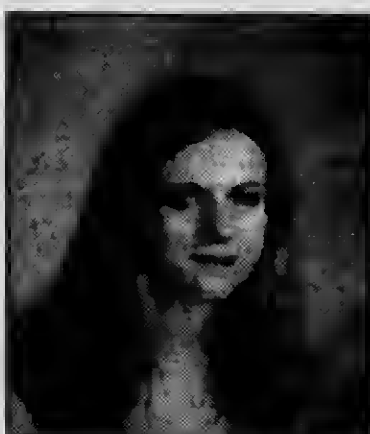
In addition, Moraine Valley's career counselors can offer advice on selecting a career, academic advisors can assist with choosing the right courses, faculty members can provide real-world knowledge and experience, and job placement specialists can help students find the right job.

Thousands of students have realized their goals and achieved success with the help of Moraine Valley Community College.

Registration is underway, and the majority of credit classes begin at Moraine Valley's main campus the week of June 11.

Tuition is \$67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110. Previously enrolled students also can register online via the college's Web site at morainevalley.edu. Information on all classes, including class start dates and duration, is available in the summer 2007 class schedule or online at morainevalley.edu.



McAuley senior, Patricia Radecka of Oak Lawn, National Merit Scholar

## Mother McAuley recognizes national scholar

The National Merit Corporation recently recognized Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School senior Patricia Radecka of Oak Lawn as a National Merit Scholar. Patricia scored a perfect 800 on the verbal/critical reading portion of the test.

Patricia competed for one

of approximately 8200 merit scholarship awards to be offered in Spring of 2007. To become a Finalist, a student must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. Patricia also completed an application which included a self-descriptive essay and information about the applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Patricia was also named an Illinois State Scholar and received the US President's Award for Excellence. Earlier this spring, her artwork was selected for the Illinois Art Education Association's "Youth Art Month Poster." Her work was chosen out of hundreds of student entries from all over the state of Illinois.

## Mount Assisi Academy Holds Commencement

Seniors Honored at Baccalaureate Mass and

## Graduation Ceremony

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, held its 56<sup>th</sup> annual Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 20, 2007 in the school's gymnasium. Approximately 400 guests were in attendance to honor the accomplishments of the 66 graduating seniors from the Class of 2007.

During the graduation ceremony, senior Colleen Norwell (Orland Park) was honored with the prestigious Franciscan Service Award. Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors were awarded to Christina Yang (Lemont) and Lori Puchalski (Orland Park), respectively.

This year, 92% of the graduates have been accepted to 46 private and public universities nationwide and have collectively earned over \$1.95 million dollars in post-secondary scholarships and financial assistance.

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## Dance Center presents Chicago Dance Showcase

To highlight the quality and variety of Chicago's dance companies, The dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, in partnership with Links hall will participate in Dance USA's 2007 Spring council by presenting a Chicago Dance Showcase Friday, June 15 at 7pm at the Dance center, 1306 S Michigan Ave. This is 2007 Spring Council June 14-16<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Chicago companies performing as part of the Showcase at 7pm include Chicago Human Rhythm Project, The Dance COLEctive, Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Hedwig Dances, Lucky Push Productions, Luna Negra Dance Theater, Mordine & Company Dance Theater, Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago and River North Chicago Dance Company.

"Dance Center is delighted to present this diverse cross-section of Chicago dance artists in a showcase for our visiting colleagues from around the country" said Dance Center's Chair Bonnie Brooks and "we are honored and proud to help celebrate Dance USA's distinguished history and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary here, in a community where dance, in all its form, has flourished for decades."

The Chicago Dance Showcase is free and open to the public on June 15 at 7pm. Studio showings begin at 6:15pm, seating is general admission. Call 312-344-8300 for more information.

## Pegasus Players announces 2007-08 season

August Wilson's "Jitney" opens the 2007-08 Pegasus Players 2007-08 season and will be directed by Jonathan Wilson. Following that, is the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Young Playwrights Festival and the world premiere of Steve Simoncic's "Heat Wave", based on the book by Eric Kilnenberg on the 1995 heat wave in Chicago and its 739 victims. I knew a couple of people who died in the tragedy.

The first regional theater production of "Golda's Balcony" William Gibson's one-woman play about the life and times of the late Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir. For tickets to Pegasus Players productions call 773-878-8761. Pegasus Players perform at Truman College in Chicago.

## Steppenwolf presents Osage County

August: Osage County by Steppenwolf ensemble member Tracy Letts will have a cast of 13, including ensemble members Ian Barford, Francis Guinan, Mariann Mayberry, Amy Morton, Sally Murphy, Jeff Perry, Rondi Reed, and Rick Snyder. Sally is the niece of an old friend. Anna Shapiro is directing the play.

Also included are Deanna Dunagan, Kimberly Guerrero, Fawa Johnstin, Dennis Letts and Troy West. The production plays June 28 to August 26 in the Steppenwolf Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N Halsted.

With rich insights Letts paints a vivid portrait of a Midwestern family at a turning point. There is a post show discussion after each performance. Call 312-335-1650 for tickets or online at [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org).

Tickets are \$20-\$40 previews and \$20-\$65 regular run. Performance are Tuesday-Sunday.

## Remy Bumppo Art Trifecta benefit a success

Remy Bumppo Theater Company presented its Art Trifecta Benefit in the Grand Ballroom of the school of the Art Institute with 300 guests gathered to celebrate Remy Bumppo's 10<sup>th</sup> year and raise over \$76,000 for the company's productions and programs.

The evening program featured Remy Bumppo Artistic Associates and guest artists presenting short stories,

essays and plays inspired by the Art Institute's world-renowned art collection. Writers who create works for Remy Bumppo's Art Trifecta benefit include Stuart Dybek, James De Vita, Eileen Fahey, Calvin Forbes, Rebecca Gilman, Alex Kotlowitz, James McManus, Bret Neveu, Achy Obejas, Bayo Ojikutu, Sara Paretsky and Richard Powers.

The benefit chair was Ann Mommsen. The top three auction items included a week stay in Tuscany; a week stay in Tucson, AZ and a weekend in Spring Green, WI.

Remy Bumppo's mission is to delight and engage audiences with the emotional and ethical complexities of society through the provocative power of great theatrical language. James Bohnen is the Artistic Director of Remy Bumppo.

Associate Artistic Director is Shawn Douglas. Remy Bumppo's Artistic Associates are Gregory Anderson, Annabel Armour, David Darlow, Linda Gillum, Nick Sandys and Joe Van Slyke.

## Noble Fool Theatricals announces 2008 season at Pheasant Run Theater

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St. Charles, 2007 Noble Fool Theatricals, the premier professional theater in the Fox Valley area, announces a new calendar-year series for 2008, including the Tony award-winning Broadway mystery, *Drood*, February 7 - April 12, 2008; Off-Broadway's longest running musical comedy, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, May 1 - July 19, 2008; a musical tribute to Rodgers & Hammerstein, *Some Enchanted Evening*, September 13 - November 3, 2008; and concluding with the well-known holiday favorite for families, *A Christmas Story*, November

12 - December 27, 2008. This four-show subscription series will be produced by Noble Fool Theatricals and presented at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; telephone 630-584-6342).

"Where most theaters start their subscription series in the fall, we are excited to shift our fourth season to a calendar year, beginning our series in January 2008. To complete 2007, we're thrilled to offer two Chicago area premieres; *Mid-life! The Crisis Musical*, the hilarious musical tribute to the golden years, and *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*, an interactive holiday show for the whole family," says artistic director, John Gawlik. "After the huge success of last season's record-breaking hit, *The Musical of Musicals: The Musical*, and growth of the NFT Performing Arts Academy, audiences have increased by over 40 percent in the past two seasons. We are continuing to bring some of Chicago's best actors, designers and directors to Pheasant Run, and patrons voice to us how amazed they are with the talent on our stage."

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## Picasso at the Lapin Agile

Director Edward Kiszenia presents Steve Martin's Picasso at the Lapin Agile, opening Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Avenue., Chicago 60647.

Tickets are \$15; to purchase tickets call (773)598-4549 or visit [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com). Show runs from Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Performances are Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Press Opening for Picasso at the Lapin Agile is Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. and Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Winner of the 1995 Outer Critics Circle award for Best Play and Best Writer, the absurdist comedy concerns a fictional meeting between a young Pablo Picasso and a young Albert Einstein in a Paris café at the turn of the century. The show is presented by a strong cast of actors each dedicated to providing audience members with a memorable evening of entertainment.

Staged in an audience interactive setting, the space of the Gorilla Tango is converted to a bar atmosphere where audience members immediately become patrons of the Lapin Agile. The Lapin Agile is the stage for the meeting of the minds of two of the twentieth centuries most influential figures, Pablo

Picasso and Albert Einstein. And within every great meeting of the minds, there must be a third, to complete the trifecta of talent and genius. Leave it to Steve Martin to answer that question: that is, discovering who was the third defining personality of the previous millennium, rock musician Elvis Presley. The play unfolds the ideas of this colorful array of characters and comedy that only Steve Martin could create. His play is a compelling examination of science, art and their impact on a rapidly changing society.

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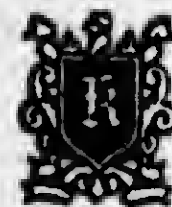
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## Orland Park Presbyterian Church has Vacation Bible School

The Orland Park Presbyterian Church has Vacation Bible School, The Incredible Race" for children age 3 through 5th grade. It is June 11-15 at 8:45am to 11:30am at a cost \$10 per child. Orland Park Presbyterian Church is located 13401 South Wolf Road in Orland Park.

In Vacation Bible School, revving engines, cheering crowds and checkered flags all signals something exciting is just around the next turn. When the green flag waves, young race drivers (no license required) will experience hands-on involvement as they accelerate onto the track, following biblical pacesetters that have turned in championship performance. For more questions call Janet Santarelli, Office Manager at 708-448-8142.

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The Chicago Southwest Suburbs chapter of Holistic Moms is hosting guest speaker Yvonne VandeDrink who will be discussing How to Keep Your Families Healthy Using Organic, Natural Therapeutic Essential Oils. We will be meeting at the Homer Founders Crossing Activity Center, the BETTY WOODS room located at 14718 S. Founders Circle in Homer Glen on June 13th at 7:00pm. Contact Karen at 708-860-7813 or email bethbustos@comcast.net.



## National Senior Health and Fitness Day Event

Tinley Park District hosted a free National Senior Health and Fitness Day recently. The event kick off was a walk around the center followed by snacks and refreshments. Presentations were provided by Dr. Pappas, DD and a representative from Ingalls Hospital. The event was free to all mature adults ages 60 and over.

## Second Amendment Foundation is asking US Department of Justice to investigate priest

The Second Amendment Foundation is asking the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate a Chicago priest for threatening to "snuff" suburban Riverdale firearms retailer John Riggio during an anti-gun protest rally Saturday, May 26, near Chuck's Gun Shop.

SAF founder Alan Gottlieb is sending a letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney General Wan Kim, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, asking that the agency also investigate the Rev. Michael Pfleger for essentially encouraging a crowd of about 200 protesters to drive Riggio out of business. The gun shop has been in business for more than 30 years, and Riggio is the second-generation owner.

In a stunning audio recording of Pfleger's remarks, the pastor of St. Sabina's Church can clearly be heard stating, "John Riggio... we're going to find you and snuff you out." Moments later, Pfleger added, "We're going to snuff out John Riggio, we're going to snuff out legislators that are voting... against our gun laws and we're coming for you because we are not going to sit idly."

"It is common knowledge that the term 'snuff' is street slang, in Chicago and elsewhere, for killing someone," Gottlieb said after hearing the recording. "If John Riggio, or I, or any other gun owner were to make that kind of public statement in reference to Rev. Pfleger, you can bet the authorities in Chicago, and the local and national press, would want us behind bars."

"We're asking for a Justice Department investigation," he explained, "because Rev. Pfleger incited his audience to take whatever action is necessary to put Mr. Riggio out of business. Chuck's Gun Shop is a legal business, operating under both state and federal laws, and Mr. Riggio has a legal right to operate such a business."

"We simply can't rely on the notoriously anti-gun Cook County prosecutor's office for an unbiased inquiry," Gottlieb

## Orland Park farmers market opens June 8th

The Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market will open its sixth season on Friday, June 8 at 7:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Over 30 vendors will be selling fruits, vegetables, berries, honey, flowers and plants, gourmet food items, oils, breads, bakery items, crafts, jewelry, baskets, kettle corn, doggie biscuits, household items, sunglasses and more.

Barbecue lunches featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and cheeseburgers, brats and chicken sandwiches are available for a nominal price from June through August. This year's lunches will be sponsored by the village's

said. "There is no doubt in my mind that Rev. Pfleger's threats should be investigated. You cannot hide behind the color of political rhetoric or a clergyman's robe when you publicly declare that someone ought to be harmed and deprived of his civil rights and livelihood."

The Second Amendment Foundation is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms.

Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 600,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

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Special Recreation Program, Village of Orland Park EDAC (Employee Development Advisory Committee), Illinois Vest-A-Dog, Orland Park Theatre Troupe, American Legion, VFW and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer. Kids will be able to enjoy the free dino jump, balloons and the Orland Park Library Storytime.

The market will be open every Friday (except August 3), rain or shine, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 5, 2007.

For more information, please call 708/403-6145.

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## Oak Forest Fire Department AFFI Honor Guard Exercise

The Oak Forest Fire Department in cooperation with the AFFI Honor Guard will be conducting a training session on Saturday afternoon from Oak Forest Fire Station 1 to St. Damian's Church on 155th Street.

This training is a simulation/mock funeral procession of a line of duty firefighter death. While we hope never to put this training into use, it is our duty to be properly prepared in the event of a line of duty fatality.

## The City of Oak Forest presents the singing men

Commission are pleased to announce the first musical entertainment event of the summer. The Singing Men of Note will perform at the Oak Forest City Hall Gazebo, 15440 South Central Avenue at 1:00 PM on Sunday June 24.

As The Singing Men of Note's fans know, they sing old fashioned barbershop music perfect for a Sunday afternoon.

The concert event is free, and will provide a relaxing outing for the whole family.

Several other Gazebo events will be held this summer including Rock'n Good Times with Ashley Garland on July 29 and Jazz in the Park with Rat Pack Jazz on August 26.

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## South Suburban College news

South Suburban College (SSC) will be hosting a Paralegal Open House on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm in room 5190 of the University & College Center (UCC) in Oak Forest. The "open house" is for individuals who are interested in learning more about one of the nation's fastest-growing occupations. It provides information about the college's American Bar Association approved Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program, including both the AAS Degree Program and post degree Certificate Program.

For individuals who are interested in starting sooner, summer classes for the program begin on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program prepares students to work in a variety of legal environments including civil and criminal litigation, insurance banking, public and government agencies, law offices and corporate legal departments.

In the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program emphasis is placed on the development of core skills in legal research techniques including compilation and analysis of data, understanding legal vocabulary, preparation of legal documents and management of a law office.

The Associates Degree program is a 72-credit hour program for students just beginning college, while there is a shorter 42-credit hour version for students who have already earned a college degree. Sounds like a plan for reentering a work force.

SSC's paralegal students receive first-hand knowledge from an experienced staff of which every instructor is a lawyer or a judge. It is also the only State approved community college Paralegal Program in the south suburbs.

Demand for a paralegal and the earning potential of the profession has grown significantly in recent years. According to the US Department of Labor, jobs for the paralegal and legal assistants are projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2014. These will be new jobs created by employment growth, job creations from those who retire and the increased hiring to lower cost and availability and efficiency of legal services.

A returning adult student who graduated from the program last year, Dennis Altgillbers said "I would highly recommend SSC's Paralegal Program to any prospective student." The Law offices of Wolfe, Elfenbaum, Evers and Amarillo, immediately upon graduation hired him.

The earning potential for full-time, wage and salary Paralegal and Legal Assistants are excellent. The current median annual earnings are \$39,130, while the top 10% earn more than \$61,390. In the government area wages the federal government is the highest salary for legal services.

The majority of Paralegal classes are offered at the UCC, conveniently located at 16333 S Kilbourn Ave in Oak Forest. For more information or to get started call Ron Kaeanna, Dean of Legal Studies at 708-225-5807. Additional employment information can be obtained from the Illinois Workforce Information Center at [www.http://www.ilworkinfo.com](http://www.ilworkinfo.com)

## South Suburban College Sport news

South Suburban College Baseball Team is holding open tryouts. To tryout, individuals must have graduated high school or will graduate this year. Players should bring their own equipment and report to Bulldog Stadium, Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. For more information contact Head Coach Steve Ruzich at 708-596-2000 ex 2413.

South Suburban College announces Elizabeth Munn as their Head Softball Coach. Coach Munn comes from Lockport High School where she instructs physical education and coaches softball.

Ms Munn received her Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University and is currently pursuing an MS at Chicago State. She played softball at IU after playing at Andrew High School. She also coached at Stagg, Bloomington South High Schools as well as fitness instructor for Diamond Sports Academy.

Athletic Director Ruzich is pleased to have her in the SSC programs and she will be a great influence in classes on student athletics.

## St. Michael School Advisory Board to host annual golf outing

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the St. Michael School Advisory Board will host its 5th annual golf outing at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. Funds raised at the event will be used to enhance the education provided by Orland Park's only Catholic grammar school.

Tee times are available for singles and foursomes. A \$125 donation includes green fees, golf cart, lunch at the halfway house, a door prize raffle ticket and a delicious barbeque dinner. Teens may golf for \$100 each. Friends and spouses who wish to join in the dinner only may do so for \$25 per person.

The scramble format gold outing will feature longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Plus, there will be mulligans at select holes.

Community businesses and organizations are

## Tinley Park Library News

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 to 12 to join as we kick off the Summer Reading Program with a Sock Hop on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30pm. Put on your bobby socks and poodle skirt as we twist the night away to a few golden oldies! Pop and snacks will be provided. For information or to register visit the Youth Service desk or call 708-532-0160 ex 2.

Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites children to Trek into Space with Greg Lopatka on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30am. Students can explore the principals of rocketry with demonstrations and slides: open to grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The program ends with a rocket launch. The Tinley Park Public Library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

invited to donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole at the golf outing. Raffle prizes could include gift certificates or a wide variety of other items. By sponsoring a hole for \$125, businesses will be acknowledged with a sign at the hole and in the golf program.

For more information, including scheduling a tee time or helping to sponsor the event, call Fred Zeilner at 708-460-4657 or Tony Calderone at 708-878-9650.

## Amateur Gardeners Invited to Enter Contest

If you are an amateur gardener, 18 years of age and older and reside within the corporate limits of Orland Park, you are invited to enter the Village's 8th Annual Garden Contest and be recognized for what you love to do!

Even if you have entered before, you may enter again. The contest is open to residents of detached single-family homes. Sorry, no landscape architects, contractors or professional gardeners are eligible.

Traditional and unusual gardens and those with special features are welcome. Judging will be based on originality, creativity and overall maintenance, as well as the use of native landscaping, color, texture and the variety and combination of plants and flowers used.

Awards will be presented for first, second and third place and for Best Use of Landscaping on a Hill, Best Use of Perennials, Best Use of Landscaping in a Natural Setting, Best Overall Maintained Landscaping, and Best Water Feature. Previous garden contest-ants will be featured at the Village's annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 24, 2007. The Garden Walk will include a tour of outstanding gardens in the Village, boutique vendors, refreshments and informational seminars.

Applications for the Garden Contest are available at the Public Information Desk in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue or on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us) under Village News. The deadline for entries is July 1, 2007.

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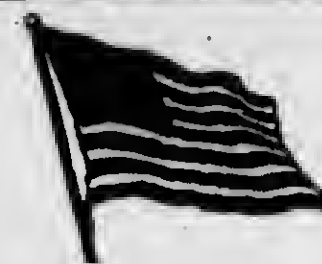
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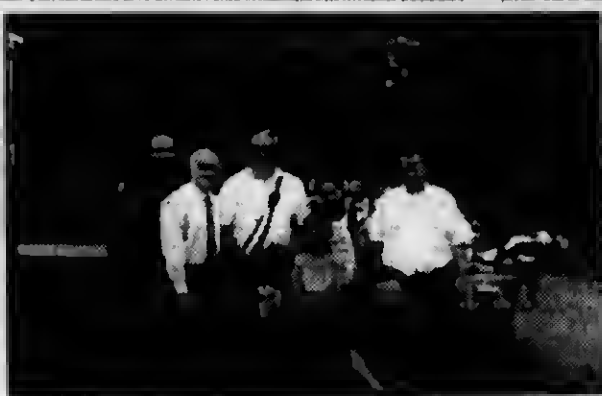


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The Worth Fire Department had a contest on fire safety, the winners received a ride home from Worthwoods school in the fire truck.



## House Passes Lipinski Amendment to Save Energy, Protect the Environment, and Save Taxpayer Money

### Requires Use of Energy Efficient Lighting by Department of Defense

The House of Representatives unanimously approved an amendment offered by Congressman Dan Lipinski that would require the Department of Defense to begin using high efficiency light bulbs. The amendment was offered to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which sets the spending levels for next year's Defense budget.

"At a time when we are working to move a new

energy plan forward, this amendment is a rare win, win, win opportunity," stated Lipinski.

High efficiency light bulbs, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), use approximately 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last approximately 8 to 10 times longer. Replacing an ordinary bulb with a CFL could save up to \$74 in energy costs over the bulb's lifetime. Even higher efficiency light bulbs are close to commercial application including a new generation of halogen bulbs and new light-emitting diode (LED).

"When you consider that the DOD has over 240,000 buildings in the U.S. alone, it is clear that this amendment is a practical way to make significant progress in lowering energy consumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting energy independence, while at the same time saving millions of American taxpayer dollars," said Lipinski during floor debate.

Congressman Lipinski's amendment - cosponsored

by Rep. Inglis (SC), Rep. Markey (MA), and Rep. Kirk (IL) - directs the Department of Defense to install high efficiency light bulbs during the normal course of maintenance, or whenever a building is significantly altered or constructed. To make sure the requirement does not interfere with national security, the Secretary of Defense is given flexibility in determining instances in which the use of energy efficient lighting is not feasible.

### Faith and Family

(NAPSA) "Full of Grace," Dorothea Frank's new novel, is full of her trademark Southern charm, wit and sassy dialogue.

When her dysfunctional (but irresistible) parents move from New Jersey to Hilton Head, 30-something heroine, Maria Graziela Russo (call her "Grace") relocates to Charleston, immediately falling in love with its antebellum allure.

Italian tempers flare when Grace and Michael (a doctor specializing in stem cell research) move in together. As she makes the regular pilgrimages to her family for holidays, she can't help but wonder when the people she loves most in the world will come to accept the man who has won her heart.

Grace has the job most everyone dreams of: planning amazing vacations and corporate retreats. But when Michael is diagnosed with an insidious and often inoperable form of brain cancer, her employer asks her to plan a pilgrimage for local Charleston churchgoers to the sites of some of the world's most celebrated and debated miracles.

When Grace and Michael experience a miracle of their own on Mexico City's most hallowed ground, the stage is set for a major change in faith

Reading "Full of Grace" is like embarking upon a mile-a-minute heart-to-heart with the author about family, love, life and the search for the perfect state of grace. Visit her at [www.dotfrank.com](http://www.dotfrank.com).

Frank's new hardcover, "The Land Of Mango Sunsets," is available now wherever books are sold.



Marist High School president, Br. Rick Carey, FMS (center) recently welcomed Br. Jose Contreras, FMS and Bro. Michael Flanagan, FMS. The two will oversee the program.

## Marist hosts Brothers from foreign countries

Marist High School will host 25 to 30 Brothers from foreign countries over the next 18 months as they learn English as part of their preparation for Asian missionary work.

The first group of 8 to 10 Brothers will arrive in July. They will spend five months in Chicago learning English. These Brothers will come from Mexico, France, Spain and South American countries. After learning English here, they will head to their Asian country mission sites, including Cambodia and Bangladesh, and learn the local language there. They will first learn English because it is the second most language of most countries. The Brothers will serve minimum of nine years working in a number of ministries including education. The hope is that many of the Brothers will choose to spend their lives in these areas.

Bro. Sean Sammon, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, was inspired by the late Pope John Paul II, who called on religious orders to serve in Asia, where the largest number of uneducated children lives. Bro. Sean sent approximately 200 letters to Brothers regarding the new mission opportunity in Asia. Of those contacted, 180 responded, and from those, approximately 130 will actually participate in the program.

While religious vocations are going down, the Marist Brothers continue to live out their mission to serve those least favored by bringing new life to underserved areas.

Marist, like many religious orders, is mostly located in the West, while a major global need lies in the East. Currently, there are about 4,200 Marist Brothers, with only about 200 in all of Asia. This program will nearly double that.

The program is in need of lay volunteers to help the Brothers while they are in Chicago. First, they are in need of qualified teachers to instruct them in English. Teachers would work with four to five students for three hours a day. The schedules for this can be worked out with the teacher. Anyone interested in this position can commit to teaching one group for 5 months or for the entirety of the program—18 months.

Also needed are volunteers from many walks of life who are willing to spend one day a week or meet when they can with one Brother and simply have conversations in English. This one on one practice will improve their skills through constant engagement with the language. Volunteers can discuss the industry they work in, current events, spirituality, etc.—the only requirement is that it is in English.

Anyone interested in helping with the program can contact the school at 773-881.5311.

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## Oak Lawn Fire Department news

Eighteen students completed the Oak Lawn Fire Department Babysitters Education Class, which was conducted over a six-week period at Salem United Church. Classes are held in the spring and fall each year. Students learn topics such as the care and feeding of infants and children, entertaining children, what to do in an emergency and both adult and infant CPR.

Lt. Gary Patrick indicated one student; Robin Bond scored a perfect 100% on the final exam.

### Grandma's Cures

Did you know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately, without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional 'pain relievers.'

Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns.

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They clear up your stuffed nose.

Achy muscles from a bout of the Fly? Mix 1 tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture set for 30 minutes, then apply it as a massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.

Sore throat? Just mix ¼ cup of vinegar with ¼ cup honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

Cure urinary tract infection with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink on the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer

begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost immediately, even though the product has never been advertised for this use.

Honey is a remedy for skin blemishes. Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. It works overnight.

## St. Gerald is hosting a get together for twenty and thirty year olds

St. Gerald Parish is hosting a get together for the twenty-something and thirty-something set with Jazz, Food, Fun, Friendship. Music will be provided by Westchester Jazz.

This outdoor event will take place on the Parish Green from 6:00-10:00 pm June 16 on the Parish Green 9310 S. 55 Court Oak Lawn, IL Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office Cost \$10.

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## Environmental Leaders rally in support of public transportation

The region's top environmental leaders gathered this morning at the Environmental Law & Policy Center to speak out on the importance of public transportation and called upon Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois General Assembly to forge a long-term solution to the pending transit crisis. The group stressed that an investment in public transportation now would help to mitigate the impacts of global warming over the coming decade; and that a failure to invest would lead to dire environmental consequences in Northeastern Illinois.

A major metropolitan region such as Northeastern Illinois deserves a vibrant, efficient and convenient transit system, said Shannon Fisk, Staff Attorney with the Midwest Office of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Instead, service cutbacks are threatening to bring more congested roads, longer work commutes, and dirtier air for everybody in the region. The General Assembly and the Governor should approve Representative Hamos' plan to provide additional investment in CTA, Metra, and Pace, and to implement common sense reforms at the Regional Transit Authority.

The group, which included the Delta Institute, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), Congress for New Urbanism, Illinois PIRG, League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council, Openlands Project, American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago, and other environmental organizations signed a petition declaring their support for increased funding for public transportation. The petition was delivered to Governor Blagojevich as well as party leaders in the General Assembly, which has until July 1<sup>st</sup> to take action on the \$226 million deficit faced by the CTA, Metra, and Pace.

The Governor has publicly stated that Illinois should cut the production of greenhouse gasses to 1990 levels by 2020, Scott Bernstein, President of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, reminded the group. Since motor vehicles alone account for more than one third of greenhouse gasses, there is simply no way to achieve that kind goal without strong regional transit. Transit will be the backbone of any successful climate change strategy in Illinois.

While public transportation's benefits to the environment were stressed, it was also argued that such benefits go hand in hand with transit's role in improving our economic and public health. A strong public transportation system is critical to reducing global warming pollution, explained Joe Shacter, senior policy advocate at the Environmental Law & Policy Center. Plus, when transit use goes up people drive less, leading to improved air quality, fewer respiratory illnesses, and increased household savings.

No one wants the transit agencies to cut services or raise fares, said Anna Frostic, Environmental Health Advocate with the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago. The Governor and General Assembly must find a long-term solution to transit funding, otherwise the entire state will feel the impact in our pocketbooks, congested roads and the air we breathe for decades to come.

## Evergreen Park begins West Nile treatment program

by Matt Mayer

The May 21 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Judge Janet Brosnahan administering the oath of office to incumbent Trustees, Mark Marzullo and James Mc Quillan.

The village has begun the larva side pellet program to control mosquito larva. Larvicide pellets have been placed in catch basins throughout the village in an effort to control the West Nile Virus, which first emerged in 1999 in New York. The West Nile Virus was first identified in September 2001, when laboratory tests confirmed its presence in two dead crows found in the Chicago area. The West Nile Virus can be transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito.

In 2002, birds, mosquitoes, and horses were reported positive for the virus in 100 of the 102 counties in the state. The first human cases and...

... Illinois were reported in August 2002. There were 800 human cases reported, and 64 deaths. Thirty-eight of these were in Chicago and Suburban Cook County. With the efforts of local municipalities, as well as the county, the 2003 season was far milder with only 12 confirmed cases. The county maintains four Mosquito Abatement Districts (MAD), which maintain mosquito surveillance. Mosquitoes develop in standing water, places that hold water more than a week. In addition mosquitoes are homebodies and tend to stay near their breeding grounds. The Mosquito Abatement District also suggests that residents take the following simple steps to eliminate potential sources for these mosquitoes.

Discard all trash that can hold water such as cans, jars, bottles, etc. Clean rain gutters and downspouts or on flat roofs; change water in birdbaths, wading pools, etc., at least once a week. Keep ditches and streams on or around property free from grass clippings, garbage, and other debris to insure proper flow. Stack pails, barrels, tubs, wheelbarrows, and similar containers upside down; clean out and fill tree holes; stock ornamental ponds with goldfish or other surface-feeding fish to control mosquito production.

Additional online information regarding the West Nile at [www.cookcountypublichealth.org/program/eni/west.shtml](http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/program/eni/west.shtml) or by telephoning the Cook County Department of Public Health at 708-492-2000.

## Moraine Valley reports overall grant funding increase

Moraine Valley Community College received \$15.6 million in total grant funding for the 2006-07 academic year—a 3 percent increase over the previous year. Federal, state and private grants combined for more than \$5 million, and financial aid brought in about \$10.5 million.

The largest increase came from state grants, totaling \$2.4 million, a 6.3 percent jump. The college also received a 1.8 percent increase in federal funding worth \$2.6 million.

Federal and state financial aid also increased by 3 percent with \$10.5 million going directly to students. Those figures are based on the 2005-06 academic year because the 2007 academic year is not yet complete.

The largest grant came from the Illinois Community Col-



Picture: From left to right - Fireman's Fund Representative Michelle Smith, Trustee Jerry Hurekes, Clerk Jane Quinlin, Trustee Carol Quinlin, Chief Edward Folliard, D.C. Norman Rick, Underwriting Manager Jose Beltran, D.C. Peter Lombardi

## Oak Lawn Fire Department received a grant

Recently, the Oak Lawn Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in the amount of \$15,195. The grant will be used to purchase new heavy-rescue extrication equipment. The tools similar to the "jaws of life" will help Oak Lawn's firefighters quickly and safely extricate accident victims from their vehicles. The equipment will include a power unit, heavy duty cutter and spreader. This equipment is half the weight of its predecessor and more than twice as power full.

The equipment is being paid for by the Fireman's Fund, which provides grants to fire departments through its Fireman's Fund Heritage program. As part of the initiative, every employee is able to nominate a fire department for a grant. A special regional task force of employees and agents then reviews the nominations and selects winners. Jose Beltran, an underwriting manager, nominated Oak Lawn.

lege Board, which committed \$1.9 million to the college for various programs, including Adult Education, GED and English as a Second Language, Workforce Development, and vocational and technical education. Other substantial grants were awarded by the National Science Foundation (\$1.1 million) for the college's regional Center for the Advancement of Systems Security and Information Assurance and by the President's Office of Employment and Training (\$780,771) for the Workforce Investment Act that assists unemployed and underemployed adults, dislocated workers and teens with employment assistance.

"Securing grant funding involves the coordination of several activities and takes time, persistence, flexibility, and creativity," said Dr. Sharon Katterman, director of Resource Development and Institutional Effectiveness. "We are enormously proud of the accomplishments of the many college personnel who help to support the investment in the future of Moraine Valley students by contributing their time, effort and ideas in implementing grant proposals and awarded programs."

For more information about Moraine Valley, visit [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at [crotty@morainevalley.edu](mailto:crotty@morainevalley.edu).

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## When routine surgery turns into a nightmare

Each month medical errors kill five times as many people in the U.S. as died in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Of the many categories medical errors fall into, equipment failure is in the top five. Within this group, a routine surgery called a laparoscopy, performed over 4.5 million times per year, poses a rare but serious risk.

Laparoscopies are widely utilized in outpatient surgeries for everything from the removal of ovarian cysts, to gallbladder removal, to hernia repair. These surgeries require small, minimally invasive incisions to be made in the abdominal region, through which wand-like electrosurgical equipment is placed in order to perform the operation. The surgeon then views an enlarged image of the procedure on a video monitor, while using energy in excess of 1300 Fahrenheit to cut and coagulate tissue inside the patient's abdomen.

Laparoscopies, however, have the unfortunate ability to backfire. In rare instances, insulation failure in the electrosurgical equipment allows stray energy to escape inside the patient and burn untargeted tissues outside of the surgeon's view. These unseen internal burns can result in peritonitis, sepsis, and even death. The most feared of these complications is fecal peritonitis, with a mortality rate of 25%.

Trudy Hamilton, a former operating room nurse, was

a healthy and active mother of two when she went in to have a routine gynecological procedure in 1991. Suffering a severely burned bowel as a result of a stray energy burn during her laparoscopy, Trudy was hospitalized five times for bowel obstructions stemming from the complications of her surgery. She lost four months of work, during which she endured excruciating pain that made it "hard to walk without it absolutely hurting."

In 2006, Aileen Andrew, a 39-year-old woman from Sri Lanka, also suffered a burned bowel as a result of an undetected energy burn during a laparoscopy. She was sent home after her surgery with painkillers despite telling nurses she was in so much pain she wanted to die. Aileen died of surgical complications only 34 hours later. Later blamed for her death, her doctors said it would have been impossible to know of the stray burns as they performed the operation.

Dr. Gerald Kirshenbaum, one of the premier laparoscopic surgeons in the United States, has performed over 10,000 laparoscopies. When asked how surgeons can avoid accidental burns from equipment malfunction during surgery, Dr. Kirshenbaum said he prefers a safety mechanism called Active Electrode Monitoring (AEM), a system that shuts the instrument down the instant any stray energy is detected, preventing a possible tissue burn injury to the patient. "I will refuse to use electrical current unless I have AEM."

Still suffering the effects of her surgical misfortune, now sixteen years later, Trudy Hamilton looks back on her experience with pain and regret. "I hope and pray that [my experience] keeps another patient from going through what I've been through...something a lot of patients don't survive."

Approximately 300 hospitals nationwide currently use AEM technology to help prevent unseen stray energy burns during laparoscopic surgery. Patients who are scheduled for laparoscopic surgery can contact Alan Schwartz at Encision Inc., 800-998-0986—the company that makes the AEM monitoring system—to find out if a hospital near you uses AEM.

Statistical sources: HealthGrades, AHRQ and Encision Inc.

## Experts at Smith Crossing in Orland Park offer tips on improving memory at any age

Everyone forgets names from time to time, loses their car keys or misses an appointment. For older adults, some memory changes can be a normal part of aging, but more extreme lapses can be a sign of medical problems including Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Fortunately, a person's

memory can be improved at any age. Taking steps to strengthen memory can help delay serious memory loss.

Sue Schuman, resident services director of the memory, assisted living and skilled nursing areas at Smith Crossing in Orland Park works with residents on activities designed to maximize their potential. She has tips for anyone who hopes to improve their memory.

"Because we read so much about Alzheimer's disease, it is easy to get nervous about any forgetfulness," says Schuman. "Learning more about how our memory works and taking steps to prevent its diminishment can help calm many fears."

### Catch Some Zzzzz!

Getting seven to nine hours of uninterrupted sleep each night can help maintain memory. Sleep deprivation is one of the quickest ways to diminish memory over the short and long-term. So, lights out.

### Stress Can Leave Anyone Scattered

Lowering stress through yoga, stretching, bubble baths or taking time out for activities that are enjoyable is more than pleasant, it can actually help with memory. That's because being under stress makes memory more difficult.

### Stay organized

"Everyone finds themselves on a mad hunt for the car key now and then," says Schuman. "Rather than adding pressure about remembering a thousand details, try to build and stay with routines." Having a single place you always put your

keys, and creating specific routines can help streamline life to reduce the burden on memory.

### Tips on Improving Memory at Any Age/Add one

#### Eat Right

In general healthy eating can help memory, but some foods have been shown in studies to boost memory. To keep sharp, eat red grapes, fish, peanuts, tomatoes, blueberries and raspberries.

#### Stay Social

Being out and about, meeting new people, remembering names and having conversations is more than just fun. Storing new information challenges the brain and helps improve memory.

#### Use it or Lose it

In many ways the brain is like a muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it gets. Crossword puzzles and brain teasers are great for a brain workout. Taking a class, learning a language or reading about a challenging new subject can keep the brain pumping.

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## Pryme Timer news

The Pryme Timers a very active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9330 S. Pulaski Oak Lawn invites the entire community to 'dance with the stars' at their meeting on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The Parkettes, a bevy of line dancers from the Evergreen Park Recreation Center, will entertain and teach. In addition to their dance

presentation, they will provide instruction to everyone wanting to learn line dancing. They do line dance at most weddings.

A picnic luncheon at noon, prepared by Chef Pitluck will include hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans with dessert. Cost is \$6 and requires reservations. Call the church

office 708-422-5111 or Tom Panush 708-636-7548 by Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. They can accommodate 200 persons. Transportation is provided upon request.

Paper products (Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, etc) will be collected to help replenish the shelves at the Mount Greenwood Salvation Army.

## Oak Lawn Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club is holding its annual walk on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5pm. There are five gardens to observe. For tickets call June at 708-499-0578 or purchase at Millie's the Ice Crème Parlor.

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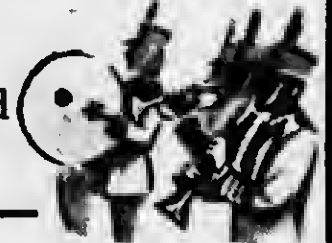
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Jacki Mari

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for June 19<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (If given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in *AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com* & also visit *JackiMari.Com* for my *Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!*

Happy Birthday Gemini

**Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo:** This is a good time to evaluate your housing needs and do the clean up, fix up, paint up, or sell!

**Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer:** Read the above message and add this: something inside you is saying, "move it!"

**Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius:** Money comes when most needed. Health improves beyond expectation and love comes.

**Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn:** You are not one to "give up" so don't even think about it. You are a winner! Got it?

**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** This is surely not a week to look back at what you have already left behind!

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** Some of you meet the love of your life...near water, or spa-like places. Happy is...

**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** Someone who has "crossed over" makes contact with you to reassure you...all is well!

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Important financial and health information comes to you in a dream. Be alert!

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*"Up" Numbers*

Danny D. says, "I have heard of people having 'up numbers' as well as down numbers. Can you give them?" Well, Danny, there is a truth not one of us can or should deny. The entire world runs in number systems of various kinds that determine many kinds of information, & providing needs. "Up" numbers show how to achieve higher expectations. I now provide people their very own "Up" numbers. People have done many things with their "Up" numbers. In the "Up" numbers are the more positive ways to improve one's life, identify allies or foes, reach new horizons, etc. Many play their "Up" numbers as lottery numbers. I charge a very small amount to do the workup for "Up" numbers. Everyone has their own.

Jacki Mari & Allyn

## New Public Art Gallery at Oak Lawn Library

Original works by thirteen local artists are now on exhibit at a new public art gallery that opened at the OLPL, 5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St. on May 31. The premiere exhibit features paintings, ink drawings, photographs, stained glass pieces, pottery and fine silver jewelry by Ann Alagna, Lisa Beck, Nancy Canellis, Cindy Gard, Robert Mayer, Edwin Palenik, Janet Orzech, Sarah Palumbo, Steve Reyes, Robert R Straits, Kristine Sulit, Carol Tokarz and Jackie Truly.

Their works will be on display through June 30 or July 31, 2007. The gallery space is located on the second floor in a special nook along the north vista. It is open to the public during library hours. Friends of the Oak Lawn Library generously provided funding. At the dedication, library administration, Oak Lawn representatives and Friends of the OLPL along with interested community members took part.

Artists interested in participating in future exhibitions can pick up an application at the library's Reception Booth. For information contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer at 708-422-4990.

### Summer reading program

Registration is now underway for the Oak Lawn Public Library summer reading program. Oak Lawn students and residents of all ages are invited to participate in a "Summer of Mystery." Children in preschool through eighth-grade have been challenged to read or be read to for 18 hours. Prizes will be awarded to club members every time they reach three hours up to a limit of six prizes.

Patrons high school age and up will be eligible to win prizes if they read five books or take a brief mystery-theme quizzes. Special activities are planned for families and children in preschool through grade

10. The program's last day is July 31. The Oak Lawn Public Library is 5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St.

## Parade of States at Jacqueline Kennedy School Burbank

In May at the Jacqueline Kennedy School Burbank was held its annual Parade of States to honor this great country and dedicated men and women in the armed services. A special tribute was also given to those who have lost their lives in the service of our country.

The parade consisted of floats constructed to represent each of the fifty states. The entire fourth grade participated in the event. The entire student body, parents and visitors were in attendance.

The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a recording by Red Skeleton

on the meaning of each word. Distinguished members of the McDonald-Linn VFW Post 177 led the parade. This year distinguished veterans Paul Lysik, John Nasskaitis, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Peter Buck, John Typtannar and Ralph Buglio officiated at the parade.

While the students marched around the playground, spectators were treated to patriotic music of John Philip Sousa. The Kennedy Singers under direction of Mrs. Biondi performed "Lights of Freedom" and everyone sang "God Bless America".

Winners were Dominika Garczek, 1<sup>st</sup> place for New Hampshire, Kayla Carson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Missouri and Matt Jachna 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Colorado. Program director was Mrs. Reed with the help of Ms. Pena and Ms. Emerson. Charles Roza principal of JB Kennedy School officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

### Burbank Park

#### District news

Baton twirling is fun, easy and exciting!

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Lemont	Tuesday to Oct 30 at Budnik Plaza Stephen & Canal	8am-1pm
Mokena	Saturday to Oct.27 at Wolf & Front St.	8am to 1pm
Oak Lawn	Wednesday to Oct at No. Pkng Lt. 9446 S Raymond	7am-2pm
Orland Park	Friday to Oct 5 at Civic Pkg Lt at Village Complex*	7:30am-1pm
Palos Heights	Wednesday to Oct 17 at NW cr. At 119 <sup>th</sup> Harlem	7am-1pm
Palos Park	Friday to Oct 5 at PP Presbyterian Ch. 12312 S 88 <sup>th</sup> av.	8am-12:30pm
Robbins	Tue, Thur, Sat year round 139 <sup>th</sup> Claire Blvd.	7am-2pm
Tinley Park	Saturday to Sept 29 at Metra train 173 <sup>rd</sup> & Oak Pk Av.	7am-12pm
Beverly area	Sunday to Oct 21 at 95 <sup>th</sup> Longwood Dr. SE corner	7am-3pm
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### BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE

It worked for Kirstie Alley - so good in fact that soon Valerie Bertenelli got on board the weight loss band wagon. They have a few things in common. Both are celebrities, both are overweight, and both opted to go join Jenny Craig to slim down. The other day I saw a Jenny Craig commercial and was shocked to realize it brought back a memory over a decade old. Back then the commercial's jingle was something like this: 'Lose weight call -1 800 - 97 Jenny.' That was their promo for the year 1997. It had me asking the question, *Have I been whining about wanting to lose weight for a whole decade?* I know I have because, my daughter, I won't mention which one, use to jokingly sing her own version - She'd sing 1 (800)- Kathy needs Jenny.

Seeing these new commercials only helps to verify that it's definitely time for me to get off the, up and down, roller coaster ride of lose a little, gain a lot.

Valerie and Kirstie chose Jenny Craig to help promote healthy eating habits, but what seems to be the most productive motivator is the fact that they've done it in a public venue.

Art Norman tried this same approach a while back. But, despite his best efforts didn't produce much pounds lost even though the public eye was paying attention.

So here I am, still singing tales of the bloated blues.

Jenny isn't the answer for me. Prepackaged foods day in and day out would eventually put me over the edge, and heading straight to the cookie cabinet.

I've tried Weight Watchers but all that got lighter was my wallet as I paid someone to weight me each week.

In my self induced pep talks I remind myself that I've quit smoking and drinking cold turkey.

Not one sip of alcohol has touched my lips in over 27 years. My last puff took place over 20 years ago. Back then motivation and will power were my allies.

These days, slugging back Coke Slurpees, my favorite drink, is not the solution for a slimmer, trimmer figure. What I can't figure out is why my will power is failing me now when it comes to the battle of the bulge. I don't have the answer to that but I think I might be on to something, thanks to Kirstie and Valerie.

When you publicly profess your goals you hold yourself accountable for your actions. Maybe this is just the motivation I need - to make a statement and then live up to it.

Sounds like a plan; hopefully it will help me win this dieting dilemma.

So, I am holding myself accountable to you, my family of readers. I'm looking forward to be able to report the skinny on my weight loss efforts. I'll keep you posted.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

There is nothing better than the encouragement of a good friend. (Katharine Butler Hathaway.)

## St. Louis de Montfort holds new student registration

New student registration is now underway for the 2007-2008 school year at St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 S. Ridgeland.

Three and Four-year-old preschool classes will meet Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 AM at a cost of only \$150. per month. A full-day program for three and four-year-old preschoolers meets daily for only \$295. per month.

The school offers a full-day Kindergarten program and a comprehensive curriculum in Grades 1-8. Students at all levels enjoy weekly instruction in Spanish, Art, Music and Library. Computer and Physical Education classes take place twice per week as well as a daily hot lunch program. Updated textbooks, newly renovated classrooms and hands-on learning are complimented by field trips, special assemblies and quarterly awards recognition.

St. Louis de Montfort School has earned State of Illinois Recognition, a Certificate of Congressional Recognition and Archdioceses of Chicago accreditation. Recent accomplishments include the renovation of the school's computer lab, the construction of a new Library and Science Lab and the grand opening of the school's new Language Lab.

Reasonable before care services are available as early as 6:30 AM. After care services are available at low rates in the Kids' Club Extended Day Program from 2:30 to 6:00 PM.

Prospective parents are encouraged to attend an

Open House on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 PM. A free gift to every child will be offered.

Information may also be obtained by calling School Secretary Maureen Grant in the school office at 708-599-5781.

## News Anchor Robert

Jordan told his story at Cancer Survivor Day Cancer survivors joined their families and friends from all over Chicagoland community in celebration of national Cancer Survivor Day, cosponsored by Little Company of Mary Hospital (LCMH) and Health care centers and the Hilton Hotel Oak Lawn. From those met at various other events a grand

time was had by all in attendance.

Cancer Survivor Day included a spiritual liturgy, delicious brunch and featured speaker, Robert Jordan, WGN-TV weekend anchor and prostate cancer survivor. LCMH Manager of Outpatient Oncology Services, Beth Vaclavik RNMSOCN emceed the morning festivities and Sister Sharon Ann Walsh

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2007 Parade and Fireworks are dedicated to the memory of Jim Tate, founder of the fireworks show, who passed away in April, 2007



## Kidzart classes at Oak Lawn Children's Museum

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is now offering KidzArt classes Partnering to enrich the lives of children through art! "Squiggles to Grins" program will focus on 2 to 3 1/2 year olds, that very active, curious, and impatient age that will be challenged with a fast paced & fun combination age appropriate art.

There will be original songs - Group gross motor activity - Poetry - Story telling classes. The classes will be held at the museum on Tuesday mornings beginning on June 26th at 9:00 a.m. Each session will consist of 45 minute classes held once per week for 4 weeks. Special introductory cost per 4 week session is \$40.00 for museum members, and \$48.00 for nonmembers.

In addition after each session, the parent/child can stay to play for no additional charge! One Parent/Adult Partner is required to stay with the child as this is a Parent/Child program.

As with all KidzArt classes - all materials are included in the cost.

For information on the program see details in museum, or contact Mary Grant at 708-233-6923, or Sandy Washington at (773) 677-7308.

Visit the Web site at [www.kidzarthills.com](http://www.kidzarthills.com) <http://www.kidzarthills.com>

## Flamenco Night" Bus Trip

There's still time to register for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library bus trip to "Flamenco Night" at the Grant Park Music Festival in Chicago's Millennium Park on Saturday, July 28. Sensual and dramatic, the art of Flamenco is embodied by guitar sensation Gerardo Nunez and traditional gypsy dancer Carmen Cortes.

The cost of this trip is \$15 per person. The bus will depart at 5 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett, 815-439-0075

## Moraine Valley to host observatory open viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will continue to host its series of telescope open viewing nights in 2007. Remaining dates and times for this season's open viewings include the following Fridays:

\* June 22 at 9:15 p.m. \* July 20 at 9 p.m.

\* August 17 at 8:30 p.m. \* September 14 at 7 p.m.

\* October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Viewings will be canceled if conditions are rainy or cloudy.

Targets for the June 22 viewing will include the planets Venus and Saturn low in the west. The moon will be at about first quarter to the south and Jupiter to the southeast. If the transparency is good, viewers also will be able to observe the asteroid Vesta, some globular clusters and planetary nebula. All open viewings are held at the telescope dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in the western sector of the college's Nature Study Area, near 107th Street and Kean Avenue.

Observers are asked to park near the college's tennis courts and then walk on the path through the nature study area to the observation deck. For safety reasons, children not accompanied by an adult or supervisor will be turned away.

Tom McCague, retired associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department, hosts the viewings. An amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, McCague built the telescope using common hardware store items and donated it to the college. The telescope is a 6 1/2-foot Newtonian reflecting model with a 13 inches diameter and took him nearly 14 months to build.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring binoculars if they have them.

For more information, call Josh Reinhart in the office of College and Community Relations at (708) 974-5742 [reinhart@morainevalley.edu](mailto:reinhart@morainevalley.edu).

## The 7<sup>th</sup> annual race around the world Duathlon is scheduled for June 24

The Duathlon event is a combination race consisting of a 2-mile run, 11-mile bike ride and 2-mile run through Tinley Park downtown area and closed streets within the Forest Preserves. The course is generally flat with a few gentle slopes.

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## Cats opens at Theatre at the Center

Theatre at the Center is proud to present one of the most beloved and successful musical of all time, Andrew Lloyd Weber's CATS. Translated in over 20 languages, the Tony-Award-winning hit previews June 28, opens July 5 and runs through August 19. CATS will be directed and choreographed by Stacey Flaster. This is her first direction. Her choreography in past musicals has been terrific.

The Jellicle Ball is a particularly special night once a year when the tribe of Jellicle cats unites to celebrate who they are. They emerge from the darkened hiding places into a larger-than-life abandoned theater, singing of their unique abilities and special qualities. The cats are at first suspicious and proud, reluctant to allow an audience into their domain.

One by one the cats step

forward to showcase their talents and reveal whom they are in an audition for the role to make the special journey to reincarnation. The musical is perfect for the whole family. It showcases characters from all walks of life that are metaphors of characters from different parts of society. CATS' beautiful score features the international hit Memory.

CATS stars Katherine Conduit as Grizabella, Larry Adams as Old Duteronomy and Scott Alan Jones as Rum Tum Tugger. The creative team is Jack Magaw (set design), Tim Fandrei (lighting), Janice Pytel (costumes), Kevin Barthel (wigs), Katherine Condit (makeup), Victoria Delorio (sound), Stanlee Hodsdon (props), Chuck Gessert (production manager), Ann Davis (technical manager), Rita Vreeland (stage manager), Valerie Maze (musical direction) and Stacey Flaster director and choreographer.

The regular schedule is Wed and Thurs at 2pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm and Sun at

2:30pm. Tickets are \$36-\$39 depending on day. Call the box office at 219-836-3255. Theatre at the Center is located 1040 Ridge road, Munster In. It is a year-round professional equity theater founded in 1991.

## Legendary Theater Impresario Tony DeSantis dies at 93

The founder of the Drury Lane Empire, legendary Theater Impresario Tony DeSantis dies at 93 after a long battle with cancer. He died at home surrounded by family. Lucille, wife, daughter Diane and grandchildren Jason and Tom Van Lente, Kyle, Abbie and Drew DiSantis as well as a brother Dante and sister-in-law Kay survive him. Funeral services were at Holy Name Cathedral. Donations are requested at Catholic Charities c/o Tony DeSantis Fund, Dept 1623 Box N Chicago 60690-3990.

It all began in 1949 when Tony De Santis bought the very first Drury lane Theater located in a tent set up next to his famous Martinique restaurant. He became a celebrated restrauteur and legendary Chicago theater owner, introducing 5-state-of-the-art theaters to the Chicagoland area: The North, South, East, Water Tower and Oakbrook Terrace Drury Lanes. His daughter Diane serves as Producer of the 971 seat theater and grandson Kyle is a Catering manager at the venue and the 549 seat Drury Lane Water Tower Place which opened in 2005. Drury Lane has dominated the Chicago theater scene for a half century and currently has 24,000 subscribers. His venues are known to be the primary spot for Midwesterners to see Hollywood and Broadway stars and top local talent in person.

DeSantis's goal was and always has been to produce affordable and accessible showbiz glamour to all around Chicago. Most Chicagoans have attended

theater or a banquet at Drury Lane in their life and we all have fond memories of events including proms, weddings, banquets and shows.

DeSantis was a devout Catholic and a family man that shied from the public arena never having put his mane on his theaters and restaurants. His generous donations to numerous Catholic charities each year underscored this devotion. In 2006 he made a one million-dollar donation to Catholic Charities. DeSantis has received religious awards namely, Knight Order of Saint John of Jerusalem (appointed by the Queen of England), Knight Commander with Placa Order of Saint Gregory, Decorated Knight of the Grand Cross of the order of Holy Sepulchre, Knight of Malta, Knight of Saint Lazarus, and Humanitarian Award 1966 from Little Flower Society Commander.

DeSantis generous donations to the poor, handicapped and hungry have earned him numerous awards including

Distinguished Service Award of Chicago Police Captain's Association, Man of the Decade from Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce and he was honored by the House of Representatives, State of Illinois.

For over 50 years he hosted over 1000 Catholic nuns from the Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan areas before the Christmas holiday for dinner and the show. His employees treasured DeSantis and up until a month ago he went to work daily from 9am to 5pm. The final curtain has been lowered. God speed and rest in peace Tony.

## Hubbard Street Dance

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) presents 'Inside/Out', its seventh annual Chicagoland Workshop. The company will perform works-in-progress created by HSDC main company dancers Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 6:30pm at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E Chicago Ave.



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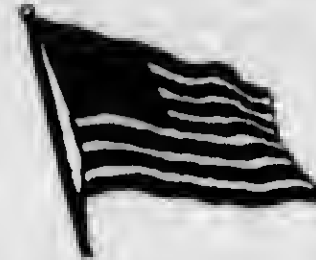
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## Orland Park encourages outdoor watering only when necessary

### Morning Outdoor Water Use Suspended Until Further Notice

ORLAND PARK, IL — Soaring temperatures and a lack of rainfall in Orland Park caused the village's normal water usage for June 12 and 13 to more than double.

"We're asking everyone to water only when necessary to keep plants and grass moist and according to the village's Odd/Even Address System," said Orland Park Public Works Director Peter Casey.

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect year round, with the Odd/Even Address System being enforced May 15 to September 15 annually.

Lawn sprinkling and outdoor water usage are permitted between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. ONLY until further notice.

Homes and businesses with addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 may sprinkle between seven and eleven P.M. ONLY until further notice on even numbered days.

Buildings with addresses ending with 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 may sprinkle on odd numbered days between seven and eleven P.M. ONLY until further notice.

"Our reserves are dwindling to the point that continued usage at that rate will require the village to impose more stringent conservation measures," Casey said.

Regulated outdoor water usage includes but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinkling or underground irrigation systems for residential and commercial properties, all noncommercial car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for

construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car-wash operations or filling of swimming pools. Newly sodded lawns may be watered more frequently upon application for and a receipt of a special permit from the Public Works Department.

Those violating the village's water usage provisions are subject to fines up to \$750 for each offense. Each day of violation and each violating location shall be considered a separate offense.

Questions regarding lawn sprinkling or outdoor water usage in the Village of Orland Park may be directed to the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

## Jewel Shop and Share Days

The Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library will be sponsoring a Jewel Shop & Share Days event on July 2, 3, and 4. The proceeds will benefit the Tinley Park Public Library. Pick up your identification slip at the Library's Patron Services desk prior to the scheduled dates, and present them at the time of checkout at any Jewel-Osco. For more information, please call the Library at 708-532-0160, ext. 3. The Library is located at 7851 Timber Drive in Tinley Park.

## Library Board Meeting

The Board of the Tinley Park Public Library will meet on Wednesday June 27, at 7p.m. in the library board room. Meeting are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the library's website at [www.tplibrary.org](http://www.tplibrary.org). For additional information, please call 708-532-0160 (patron services, press 3). The Library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

## Annual dance sponsored by the Orland Memorial Post 111

The Annual Dance Sponsored by Orland Memorial Post 111 of the American Legion will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 on Saturday 20 July 2007 - from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM Music and Entertainment by Mr. Dave Majestic

He sings the songs of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin & Tony Bennett Ticket donation is \$10.00 each - Free Parking - Cash Bar & Raffle

Tickets may be purchased from Post 111 Members or at the George Brown Veterans Center, 15045 S. West Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462

708-349-9633 on Monday or Friday Morning from 10:00 AM to Noon

Tickets may also be purchased from the following people:

Dean Morrell 708-479-1427, Jerry Junkas 708-214-2134  
Gail Blummer 708-403-6200

## Tinley Park Public Library Programs

### Modern Day Storytellers — The Tinley Park Public Library Bookmobile Presents Stories on the Go!

Tinley Park, Ill. — Just as in the days of old of the traveling storytellers and entertainers the Bookmobile will be traveling Tinley Park and Orland Hills this summer offering *Stories on the Go!* Young and old are invited to witness the excitement of storytelling and join in the fun of games, crafts and treats. Bring your family; bring your friends on one or all of the following dates: Wednesday, June 20 or Thursday, June 28 to Volunteer Park at 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Valley View Drive in Tinley Park. Tuesday, July 10 the Bookmobile will be at The Orland Hills Recreation Center at 167<sup>th</sup> Street and Haven Avenue in Orland Hills. For information call the library at 708.532.0160, x 9.

### Lorenzo Ghiberti: Renaissance Sculptor

Tinley Park, Ill. — The Tinley Park Public Library will host a talk on Renaissance sculptor Lorenzo Ghiberti on Monday, July 9 at 7 p.m. The talk, given by art historian Michelle Paluch-Mishur, will focus on the Lorenzo Ghiberti exhibit that is taking place at the Art Institute of Chicago from July 28–October 14, 2007. Registration begins Monday, July 2. For details, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

### Learn to Knit

Tinley Park, Ill. — Youth Services at the Tinley Park Public Library invites kids in grades 6-12 to learn to knit on Monday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 10 from 2-4 p.m. Kids will learn how to make a super-simple felted purse (stop by after June 1 to see a sample). All materials provided. No experience necessary. Registrants must sign up for both days; registration begins Tuesday, May 29. For details, please call Youth Services at 708.532.0160 (press 2). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.



Mayor John F. Mahoney of Palos Park celebrated a very special salute to Old Glory with inviting military services to a Flag Day celebration featuring a concert by the Navy Band from Great Lakes on the Village Green, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Performs July 4th Concert at Country Club Hills Theater

The award-winning Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Music Director Carmon DeLeone, will perform a July 4th Concert at the new Country Club Hills Theater, 4116 West 183rd Street. This concert is free for Country Club Hills residents with proper identification, and begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. General admission for non-residents is \$12 for adults / \$6 for children. Parking is \$5 per car. Fireworks will follow the concert. For more information or directions, visit [countryclubhills.org](http://countryclubhills.org)

"We are privileged and delighted to have the opportunity to offer the talents of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra to our residents and surrounding communities. On the birthday of our Country, we will celebrate our freedom in grand style," said Mayor Dwight Welch of Country Club Hills.

"This year, we celebrate American independence with a lively program and spectacular American music," said Maestro DeLeone.

"We'll perform many popular works including Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday, and Armed Forces Salute arranged by Bob Lowden," he said. In addition, vocal soloist and Country Club Hills resident Willie Brown joins the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra for the world's most well known song, the National Anthem (Star-Spangled Banner) composed by Francis Scott Key.

Frankfort resident Michael Hamilton will narrate James Beckel's "Liberty for All," a patriotic composition featuring the quotations of Patrick Henry, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and John F. Kennedy.

Sponsored by the City of Country Club Hills, this full-length concert also showcases Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's famous 1812 Overture, a symphonic masterpiece known for its booming cannons and ringing church bells commemorating the unsuccessful French invasion into Russia, and the subsequent withdrawal of Napoleon's Grand Armée.

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's 4th of July Concert is part of the Country Club Hills' 2007 Summer Under the Star Series. The Country Club Hills Theater is a 2,000 seat outdoor venue with main floor pavilion and lawn seating areas. For more information, call Country Club Hills City Hall at (708) 798-2616, ext. 2260.





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**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** Someone who has "crossed over" makes contact with you to reassure you...all is well!

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Important financial and health information comes to you in a dream. Be alert!

**Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces:** You are on the favoured side of "lady luck!" Follow up with more belief in yourself.

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Due to the success of *ePSYCHICAnswers* online, for this summer I am expanding this 1 or 2 questions offering to the phone for the same fee of \$19.95. Sessions are not taped; my Psychic Impressions are usually looking ahead 6 to 12 months. Call us. Online go to *JackiMari.com*

*Psychic Mini-Sessions* available from 7pm at the *Oak Forest Bowl* [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month]. *Walk-ins welcome, Appts are best.* I'm at the *Baymont Inn/Alsip* Tuesdays for Regular services [walk-ins welcome].

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*"Up" Numbers*

Danny D. says, "I have heard of people having 'up numbers' as well as down numbers. Can you give them?" Well, Danny, there is a truth not one of us can or should deny. The entire world runs in number systems of various kinds that determine many kinds of information, & providing needs. "Up" numbers show how to achieve higher expectations. I now provide people their very own "Up" numbers. People have done many things with their "Up" numbers. In the "Up" numbers are the more positive ways to improve one's life, identify allies or foes, reach new horizons, etc. Many play their "Up" numbers as lottery numbers. I charge a very small amount to do the workup for "Up" numbers. Everyone has their own.

Jacki Mari & Alynn

## Tinley Park Park District introduces new programs

### CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS

Tinley Park, Illinois, June 13, 2007 - The Tinley Park-Park District has started a bridge club! All interested players - beginner through advanced - are welcome to join in. Players meet each Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Bettenhausen-Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street. The card game is open to players of any age. For additional information contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

### STARS & STRIPES 5K STEP & STRIDE

Tinley Park, Illinois, June 13, 2007 - The Tinley Park-Park District will host its annual Stars & Stripes 5K Run on Wednesday, July 4 at 8:00 am at McCarthy Park, 16801 S. 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Pre-registrations are being accepted now through July 1 at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street for \$16 per runner. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 350 runners registered for the event. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category, male/female. Race-day registrations will be accepted beginning at 7:00 am on July 4 for \$20.00. This race is TAC certified. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

### FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

Tinley Park, Illinois, June 13, 2007 - The Tinley Park-Park District presents the second concert of the summer series on Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 pm featuring *Spoken Four*. The band will perform a wide range of music that will appeal to all audiences. Please join us for a wonderful evening! The concert will be held at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center Bandshell, 8125 W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street (the concert will be held indoors in case of rain). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come out to enjoy a concert under the stars. FREE!

## St. Francis Hospital & Health Center Welcomes New Physicians

**Blue Island, IL - St. Francis Hospital & Health Center** in Blue Island welcomes the following new physicians who have joined its medical staff. Both physicians are located in the St. Francis Pavilion, 2310 York Street, Blue Island, Suite 2A.

**Pamela Goodwin-Cole, M.D.**, board certified in internal medicine, completed her residency at Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. She graduated from the University of Illinois in Chicago. Her office hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Her phone number is 708-597-2000, ext. 4110.

Dr. Goodwin-Cole specializes in adult diabetes management. She is offering a July special that includes a complete physical examination with a diabetes and cholesterol screening. Call for an appointment and more details.

**Monif Matouk, D.P.M.**, who specializes in podiatric medicine, completed his residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He graduated from Dr. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago. His office hours are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. His phone number is 708-597-2000, ext. 4110.

Dr. Matouk specializes in foot and ankle trauma, plantar fasciitis, neuromas, skin lesions, orthotics, surgery and wound care.

## Congressman Lipinski Honors Victims of Communism

Congressman Dan Lipinski joined President Bush, members of the Polish and Czech Parliaments, the Ambassador from the Vatican, foreign dignitaries, and ethnic and religious leaders in dedicating a new memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor the victims of communism. The memorial seeks to honor the more than 100 million individuals killed by communist conquests, revolutions, civil wars, purges, wars by proxy, and other violent means. "This memorial to the victims of communism is long overdue."

The memorial was authorized unanimously by Congress in 1993 and signed into law by then-President Clinton. It features a 10-foot bronze replica of the "Goddess of Democracy," modeled after a statue erected by students during the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989. The memorial enjoys a prominent position in downtown Washington, only a few blocks away from the U.S. Capitol. "I will never forget my experiences in Berlin at the fall of the Wall in 1989," recalled Lipinski. "It is especially fitting that we dedicate this memorial on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Reagan's famous demand, 'Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!' As the Wall came down I witnessed the first taste of freedom for so many who suffered under communism. This experience will always remind me of the need to stand up for freedom."

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## Chicago Ridge Clerk

President of International Institute Municipal Clerks

Charles E Tokar, MMC Village Clerk/Budget Officer, Village of Chicago Ridge, succeeded to the office of the International Institute Municipal Clerks during the Institute's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in New Orleans. It is a one-year term until May 2008.

Tokar will concentrate his efforts on advancing the organization's education programs working toward financial stability, involving as many Clerks as possible in IIMC programs and committees. Tokar has been the elected Village Clerk/Budget Officer, Village of Chicago Ridge since 1989. Prior to that he was Village Trustee, first elected in 1975.

Charles E Tokar graduated with honors from Knox College with a Political Science/International Relations Degree. He went to Northern Illinois University Law School, thereafter practicing law until 1989 when he was elected Clerk/Collector. He has served on numerous committees. He received his Masters Degree

**SUMMER READING PROGRAMS**  
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Get a Clue @ Your Library! Join the Chicago Ridge Public Library 2007 Summer Reading Program!

The Chicago Ridge Public Library is located at 10400 S. Oxford Avenue in Chicago Ridge. The Get

A Clue summer reading program is for all children from age 3 up to and including those who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As children read books, they can earn a ton of great prizes. When you log five points on your book log, you can sign up for, fun

crafts, attend special programs, and have lots of fun! Stop by the Chicago Ridge Public Library to register for a summer full of fun and excitement!

For more information, please contact the library at 708-423-7753.

### TEEN program

Teens in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Chicago Ridge Public Library for the 2007 Summer Reading Program: Y N K @ Your Library! Get in the know with this summer's "You Never Know!" summer reading program. There are six levels in the Teen Summer Reading Program. For completing each level, you will receive a prize and a raffle ticket. Teens can also join in the fun by attending Friday Afternoon Craftiness, a Caudill Club, and Special Tuesday Evening Events! Stop by the Chicago Ridge Public Library to register for a summer full of mystery. For more information, please contact the library at 708-423-7753.

## EARTH TALK

### From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Is there any proof linking human breast cancer to exposure to chemicals in the environment? Or do researchers think most cases of breast cancers are genetically inherited?

— Bettine Carroll, New York, NY

A groundbreaking research study coordinated by the nonprofit Silent Spring Institute, and recently published by the American Cancer Society

Programs for Infants under two years of age through 3 years old.

Chicago Ridge Public Library would like to welcome you to the library for two special summer Story Times for infants under two years of age through children 3 years old.

Infants and toddlers under the age of two have their own special summer Story Time this year! Parents or caregivers can bring their little ones on Thursday mornings at 11:00. The parent or caregiver must stay in the room with the child. Please stop by Chicago Ridge Public Library to register for the program or for more information.

Two- and three-year-olds are invited to come to Chicago Ridge Public Library for a special summer Story Time, along with a parent or other adult caregiver. This program will be from 10:00 to 10:30 on Wednesday mornings. The program will be repeated on Saturday mornings at 10:00. The parent or caregiver must stay in the room with the child. Please stop by Chicago Ridge Public Library to register for the program or for more information.

found that synthetic chemicals have likely played a large role in the rising incidence of breast cancer throughout the world over the last half-century. The study identified 216 man-made chemicals—including those found in everyday products like pesticides, cosmetics, dyes, drugs and gasoline (and diesel exhaust)—that have been shown to cause breast cancer in animals. Researchers believe these substances, many of which "mimic" naturally occurring hormones once inside the body, are also to blame for the increasing prevalence of human breast cancer.

According to epidemiologist Devra Lee Davis of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health and one of the lead researchers on the new study, the more hormones cycling through a woman's body during her lifetime, the more likely she is to develop breast cancer. Synthetic chemicals that mimic hormones magnify the risk, as the body doesn't know the difference between its own real hormones and other introduced chemicals. Only one in 10 women who develop breast cancer inherits a defective gene from their parents, Davis adds, meaning that in 90 percent of breast cancer cases studied, external non-genetic agents (e.g. synthetic chemicals) contributed to the development of the cancer.

Another telling clue is the fact that the breast cancer risk of adopted children parallels the risk of the family they grew up in, not that of their biological family, as proven by analyzing medical records from Scandinavian countries that keep detailed registries following people from birth to death. "What we understand is that if cancer runs in your family it could be because your family had similar eating patterns, similar lifestyle patterns as well as lived in the same area," says Davis. "It's really important that we take another look at...the kinds of chemicals that we are using everyday," she adds. "We think that there are alternatives that can be used."

The U.S. government has been reluctant to institute new restrictions on the production of highly profitable synthetic chemicals, but European regulators are taking the issue very seriously. The European Commission's new Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of



Commissioners Debra Shore, Frank Avila and Patricia Horton of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently toured all seven wastewater treatment facilities, including the Stickney and Calumet Plant.

The MWRD serves an equivalent population of 10.35 million people (5.25 million individuals and a commercial and industrial equivalent of 4.5 million people). The MWRD's Stickney Plant is one of the largest in the world with about 650 tons of sludge processed per day. Because the Stickney Plant is adjacent to a residential neighborhood being a good neighbor was a key consideration during the design work.

**Chemicals (REACH) QUESTION?** Send it to: Program calls on chemical manufacturers selling anywhere in Europe to reregister and reevaluate the potential health hazards—including cancer risks—of their products. Environmental and public health advocates hope that American chemical companies will follow that lead with chemicals sold here.

In the meantime, consumers can help prevent cancer by buying and eating organic foods, avoiding pesticides and other synthetic chemicals whenever possible, using non-plastic containers to reheat and store foods (some plastics are thought to leach cancer-causing chemicals into food when heated), and supporting government regulation and more research on synthetic chemicals and their effects.

**CONTACTS:** Silent Spring Institute, [www.silentspring.org](http://www.silentspring.org); European Commission's REACH Program, [ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach\\_intro.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach_intro.htm). GOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL

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## Military News

Air Force Airman 1st Class Ryan M. Cluckey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Rita Cluckey of Homestead Drive, Crestwood, Ill. Cluckey is a 2002 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights, Ill.



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**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** This is surely not a week to look back at what you have already left behind!

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** Some of you meet the love of your life...near water, or spa-like places. Happy is...

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**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Important financial and health information comes to you in a dream. Be alert!

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#### Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers "Up" Numbers

Danny D. says, "I have heard of people having 'up numbers' as well as down numbers. Can you give them?" Well, Danny, there is a truth not one of us can or should deny. The entire world runs in number systems of various kinds that determine many kinds of information, & providing needs. "Up" numbers show how to achieve higher expectations. I now provide people their very own "Up" numbers. People have done many things with their "Up" numbers. In the "Up" numbers are the more positive ways to improve one's life, identify allies or foes, reach new horizons, etc. Many play their "Up" numbers as lottery numbers. I charge a very small amount to do the workup for "Up" numbers. Everyone has their own.

Jacki Mari & Alya

## New Public Art Gallery at Oak Lawn Library

Original works by thirteen local artists are now on exhibit at a new public art gallery that opened at the OLPL, 5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St. on May 31. The premiere exhibit features paintings, ink drawings, photographs, stained glass pieces, pottery and fine silver jewelry by Ann Alagna, Lisa Beck, Nancy Canellis, Cindy Gard, Robert Mayer, Edwin Palenik, Janet Orzech, Sarah Palumbo, Steve Reyes, Robert R Straits, Kristine Sulit, Carol Tokarz and Jackie Truly.

Their works will be on display through June 30 or July 31, 2007. The gallery space is located on the second floor in a special nook along the north vista. It is open to the public during library hours. Friends of the Oak Lawn Library generously provided funding. At the dedication, library administration, Oak Lawn representatives and Friends of the OLPL along with interested community members took part.

Artists interested in participating in future exhibitions can pick up an application at the library's Reception Booth. For information contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer at 708-422-4990.

### Summer reading program

Registration is now underway for the Oak Lawn Public Library summer reading program. Oak Lawn students and residents of all ages are invited to participate in a "Summer of Mystery." Children in preschool through eighth-grade have been challenged to read or be read to for 18 hours. Prizes will be awarded to club members every time they reach three hours up to a limit of six prizes.

Patrons high school age and up will be eligible to win prizes if they read five books or take a brief mystery-theme quizzes. Special activities are planned for families and children in preschool through grade

10. The program's last day is July 31. The Oak Lawn Public Library is 5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St.

## Parade of States at Jacqueline Kennedy School Burbank

In May at the Jacqueline Kennedy School Burbank was held its annual Parade of States to honor this great country and dedicated men and women in the armed services. A special tribute was also given to those who have lost their lives in the service of our country.

The parade consisted of floats constructed to represent each of the fifty states. The entire fourth grade participated in the event. The entire student body, parents and visitors were in attendance.

The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a recording by Red Skeleton

on the meaning of each word. Distinguished members of the McDonald-Linn VFW Post 177 led the parade. This year, distinguished veterans Paul Lysik, John Nasskaitis, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Peter Buck, John Typtannar and Ralph Buglio officiated at the parade.

While the students marched around the playground, spectators were treated to patriotic music of John Philip Sousa. The Kennedy Singers under direction of Mrs. Biondi performed "Lights of Freedom" and everyone sang "God Bless America"

Winners were Dominika Garczek, 1<sup>st</sup> place for New Hampshire, Kayla Carson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Missouri and Matt Jachna 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Colorado. Program director was Mrs. Reed with the help of Ms. Pena and Ms. Emerson. Charles Roza principal of JB Kennedy School officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

### Burbank Park

#### District news

Baton twirling is fun, easy and exciting!

Participants will learn basic twirls and dance twirl movement. It develops poise, grace and builds self-confidence. Twirling also improves flexibility and coordination. The class meets on Thursday's beginning July 11-August 15 from 4-5pm for ages 3-6 and 5:15-6:15 for ages 7-12. Fee for each participant is \$52 for residents and \$65 non-residents.

**Camping Adventure:** Enjoy a fun filled trip to the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin, with the excitement of whitewater rafting and relaxing in the clean scenic campsites. This trip is a three day adventure with all your camping and rafting gear, prepared meals and beverages, an exciting six hour white water rafting experience, hiking and exploring, games, music and more. The trip costs \$219 per person. It is geared for 10 and up. A parent is required if under 18. They leave Newcastle Park on Friday, July 13 at noon and return back Sunday, July 15 at 3pm. Call BPD at 708-599-2070. BPD is located 8050 Newcastle Ave, Burbank.

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## Hickory Hills envisions 95th Street improvements

by Matt Mayer

Hickory Hills officials have been discussing various improvements for the 95th Street Corridor from Interstate 294 to La Grange Road. Mayor Mike Howley, shortly after taking office in 2003, along with several other officials, determined that a beautification project along the main corridor was needed. In 2004, the 95th Street Corridor Enhancement Project was established and in 2005, the city council created a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

A TIF uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies and offers incentives to developers. The property taxes are frozen at the current rate prior to redevelopment. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years. The district is bounded by 95th to 97th streets and 76th to 78th avenues and comprises some 30 acres. All businesses along the corridor are feasible for redevelopment, in order to attract more desirable businesses. Officials are optimistic that the improvements would increase property values, boost revenues, as well as creating a more pleasing look to the street.

Hickory Hills Auto Sales and Fett's Motor City have been demolished, and purchased by real estate developer Gus Danos. He plans to develop the property into a retail strip mall similar to that in Evergreen Park at the northeast corner of 95th Street and Kedzie Avenue. City officials are impressed with the improvements that were made in both Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn such as sidewalks, buildings, and streetlights. The city however plans on creating a slightly different concept, due to the buildings being set back further from the road, therefore allowing for additional tree planting as well as natural landscaping. The trees are not intended to obscure the businesses but rather to form a canopy over 95th street. Officials are hopeful that this will create a traffic calming effect.

The entrance way from Interstate 294 is slated to have a new gateway sign, illuminated street signs, and new street lighting. The city however must wait for a confirmation from IDOT regarding the resurfacing or widening of 95th Street and the construction of a right turn lane onto 95th Street at 76th Avenue. Thus far the city has acquired a \$1 million grant from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement program as well as two state grants worth a total of \$100,000. Officials say the project is estimated to cost less than \$3 million to complete.

## Oak Lawn Children's Museum receives grant

The Social Service Corporation in Oak Lawn recently granted the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn \$4,500 to serve economically disadvantaged families. Through a partnership with WIC, the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn will admit any mother and her children into the museum at no charge when the mother presents her WIC card at the door.

"I think it is wonderful that the Children's Museum is offering this opportunity to our WIC families," said Tiffany Prater, Supervisor of the Oak Lawn CEDA WIC program. "Not only do we teach our clients to have healthy eating habits, we also try to encourage well-being through being active and learning together. The children's museum has exhibits that give families the opportunity to do both of these very important things."



## F.O.P. GOLD STAR MEMORIAL PARK CEREMONY

Pictured, left to right, are Ralph Scheu, President of The Hundred Club of Cook County; Dennis Farina, actor and former Chicago Police Officer; and Ed McElroy of Comcast Channel 19. The photo was taken at a recent Dedication Ceremony at Gold Star Family Memorial Park honoring Chicago Police Officers killed in the line of duty. The name of each fallen Officer is etched into the marble walls. If you wish to view the Memorial, exit 18th Street from Lake Shore Drive and head west to Walden Drive. The Park is in the shadow of Soldiers Field.

Walking trails are a big hit in Evergreen Park

On any given day and evening one sees dogs, children and adults in all sizes, shapes and forms on the trail. Walking is a great exercise for everyone. Yukich Field has paths of varying lengths to walk. There are goldens, poodles, spaniels, and retrievers along with their party holding a leash.

Walkers certainly enjoy the peaceful beautiful surroundings. There are lots of birds' sounds, occasional water life and lots of good cheer. The new Life Trail equipment is available along the path and offers various exercises, as well as marking miles for those who are keeping track. There is a ¼ mile notation, a ½ mile notation and ¾ mile notation marked.

Many times there's a softball game going on with the girls and boys of the neighborhood partaking

and numerous grandparents and parents watching. It is a nice way to spend an evening. For the children with special needs, playground equipment has been installed for their use.

Surprisingly when the Farmer's market is on Thursday's it is harder to get a parking space not only for the market but also for the walkers. If you have not been there, do so as it is well worth while.

## Evergreen Park gets new Fire Chief

In May the Evergreen Park Village Board voted to accept the resignation of Edward Clohessy and then to accept the appointment of Ronald Kleinhaus. Chief Clohessy served for 42 years with the Evergreen Park Fire Department and nine of those years as Chief. Mayor Sexton indicated "he had a love affair with Evergreen Park and it with deep regret that I accept his resignation and retirement. Mr. Clohessy will remain with the village as the building commissioner, a position he also held while serving as fire chief.

Chief Ronald Kleinhaus began the position May 16 after serving the department 30 years, nine of which were as Assistant Fire Chief. Chief Kleinhaus is certified as an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager.

Residents of Evergreen Park can feel safe and proud with Kleinhaus' appointment. Village View Publications congratulates Chief Clohessy on his retirement and Chief Kleinhaus on his appointment.

## Moraine Chorale goes patriotic

Cool down with the smooth sounds of the Jazz Ensemble, get patriotic with the Moraine Chorale, or enjoy a new twist on a classic Shakespeare play during summer performances at Moraine Valley Community College's Fine and Performing Arts Center, 9000 W. College Pkwy, Palos Hills.

The Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble will perform its first summer concert Friday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater. Special guest artist Kevin Fort, an adjunct faculty member at Moraine Valley, will accompany the band on trombone and piano. Together they will play some of his original compositions. The Ensemble also will play music by jazz greats Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Charles Mingus, Woody Herman, Lee Morgan, and more. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

The Stars and Stripes will come alive during the Patriotic Chorale Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in the Dorothy Menker Theater. Directed by Nick Thomas, assistant professor of Music, the Moraine Valley Concert Chorale, along with a 12-piece instrumental ensemble, will perform an evening of patriotic music, including new arrangements of America the Beautiful, America, and God Bless the USA. During the Chorale's Salute to the Armed Forces people in the audience who have served in the various branches of the Armed Forces will be asked to stand and be recognized. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

## BOX LUNCH DAY

This monthly event takes place on the last Thursday of the month at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 West 95 Street. To make this affordable to seniors in the Village, local businesses sponsor the day, therefore the senior only pays \$3.00.

This entitles them to a hot lunch, refreshments, bingo, an informational program and social time. The sponsor for July is Concord Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 9401 South Ridgeland. They will discuss different types of therapy, work simplification and energy conservation. They will also provide therapy exercises that can be tried at home. The must see presentation begins at 10:30 followed by lunch. Seating is limited. For further information you may call 499-0240.

## OAK LAWN SENIOR HAPPENINGS

On Monday, July 16th at 10:00 a.m. Carmelina Impellizzeri will be appearing at the Oak Lawn Senior Center. Carmelina is able to sing in nine different languages and she has prepared an interactive program to delight all. She promises to have everyone singing, dancing and clapping. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

On Friday, July 20th a trip to Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana is scheduled to depart the Center at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the tour is \$5.00. You will receive a \$7.00 food voucher and \$2.00 cash back on the day of the tour.



## International Visitors Center of Chicago Summer Fund-raiser

On Thursday, July 12 from 6-8pm there is a speaking program, cocktails, and a presentation at the Cliff Dwellers Club, Virginia M Russell, Immediate Past president of the International Visitors Center of Chicago (IVCC) and nine dynamic women from the Middle East and North Africa who are participating in business and legal internships in Chicago this summer.

They are hosted by the IVCC in conjunction with the US Department of State's Middle Eastern Partnership Initiative (MEPI). The MEPI program is intended to create links and partnerships with Arab, US civil society and government to jointly achieve sustainable reform.

The original group of 41 women arrived in the US in mid March to attend a four-week MBA-level or LLM-level academic program at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. In mid April the women were divided into smaller groups of five-month fellowships in various cities in the United States. The Chicago participant lists includes the following women:

Ezz Almanni-Bahrain-Internship WW Grainger  
Aysha Heib-Israel-Internship WW Grainger  
Shirin Gaqih-Bahrain-Internship Motorola  
Jawaher Abokhodair-Saudi Arabia- Internship Motorola  
Maryam Soussi-Morocco- Internship Motorola  
Rawan Haj Yahya-Israel-Internship Wildman  
Harald

Rasha Al Arda-West Bank-Internship Kraft Foods & Baker & McKenzie

Faten Abbassi-Tunisia-Internship Blue Cross Blue Shield

## Judge Joan Powell to address Oak Lawn Kiwanis

Judge Joan Powell of the Circuit Court of Cook County will speak before the

Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Thursday, July 12 following a 6:30 p.m. dinner in The Old

Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside, Burbank.

Judy Gonsch, coordinator, announced that Judge Powell is presently assigned to the Traffic Court Division at the Daley Center in Chicago and will discuss the Cook County Court System.

Judge Powell is a graduate of the University of Maryland and John Marshall Law School. She was appointed Judge by the Supreme Court of Illinois in 2006. Prior to assuming her Judgeship she served as an Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County, in the Complex Litigation Division, where she litigated civil rights cases and medical negligence cases for over six years.

## Military News

Brian S. Kurtovich has received an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship offer to attend a selected host college or university.

The cadet was selected to receive the scholarship certificate on the basis of comprehensive tests, high school scholastic achievement, and extra-curricular activities.

The majority of Air Force ROTC scholarships cover full college/university tuition, provide textbook allowance, and pay most laboratory or incidental fees. In addition, at least a \$250 tax-free monthly allowance is paid to recipients during the academic year.

The estimated value of the scholarship depends on the student's choice of school and type of scholarship offered. Upon graduation from college and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

He is the son of Scott E. and Pamela J. Kurtovich of Creekview Drive, Orland Park, Ill. Kurtovich is a 2007 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park.

Please send the names of all active military persons to us and we will print their names.

## Representative Lipinski to President Bush: Immediately Change Course of War and Reconvene Bipartisan Iraq Study Group

Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) joined Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA), Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO), Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX), and Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CO) in sending a letter to President Bush calling for him to immediately reconvene the Iraq Study Group (ISG).

The House voted 355-69 last week for an amendment to provide \$1 million to the U.S. Institute of Peace for the purposes of reestablishing the ISG. The ISG would focus on evaluating conditions in Iraq one year later, comparing its findings to those of a year ago, and reviewing and updating its recommendations. The Members asked for presidential action because the Foreign Operations appropriations bill – in which the amendment is included – is unlikely to be signed into law by the President quickly enough for a newly constituted ISG to report in the fall.

"The ISG provides a way to break through the partisan gridlock on Iraq and it should be reconvened to provide a new, independent assessment of the current situation," said Lipinski. "But America must not continue the current course until the new report. The ISG has already provided thoughtful recommendations on how we can move toward successfully concluding the war and bringing our troops home, and we should start implementing those immediately."

Earlier this month, Congressmen Lipinski, Udall, Wolf and McCaul led a group of bipartisan members of the House of Representatives in introducing H.R. 2574, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group. This bill, which was also introduced in the Senate, avoids the partisan gridlock of previous Iraq legislation and already has 57 bipartisan cosponsors in the House of Representatives. Among other things, it provides for a diplomatic offensive on Iraq, shifts U.S. forces to a support and training role, and allows for U.S. troops not necessary to fighting terrorism and protecting U.S. personnel in Iraq to redeploy by early 2008.

"This type of cooperation by members from both sides of the aisle is absolutely necessary if Congress is going to significantly change the disastrous Iraq policies of President Bush," said Lipinski. "Recalcitrant presidents do not change their policies until they face bipartisan opposition. Consequently, real change in Iraq will not come until Democrats bring Republicans along on a new policy direction."

The ISG was first created in March 2006 at the request of a bipartisan group of members of Congress and was co-chaired by former Secretary of State James Baker and former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Lee Hamilton. In December 2006, the ISG released its recommendations and outlined a bipartisan approach to bringing a responsible conclusion to the Iraq war.

## PBS presents 'Prison Town USA'

What happens when a struggling rural community tries to revive its economy by inviting prisons in? The story of four families living in a modern day prison town, as told in a new POV documentary, is a riveting look at one of the most striking phenomena of our times. It is a prison-building and incarceration boom unprecedented in American history. The co-production of the Independent Television Services and KQED/Truly California is Tuesday, July 24 on PBS. Check your local listings for time.



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## Sheriff Dart's Safety Tips

Dangerous fireworks can ruin 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun. For more than a century, enjoying a big fireworks display has been a traditional way for Americans to celebrate our independence during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. In fact fireworks has become as much as a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as Santa Clause is to Christmas.

Unfortunately, there is a big downside to this tradition. Every year thousands of Americans end up in hospital emergency rooms due to the fireworks related injuries. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 10,500 people were treated for fireworks related injuries in 2005 alone. Ordinary citizens in their backyards can attribute most of these injuries to the use of illegal fireworks.

There are some misunderstandings about which kind of fireworks are legal. In Illinois, there is a simple rule of thumb: if a device explodes of fires itself or any projectile into the air, it is illegal and cannot be sold or used in this state. Sparklers, fountains, and smoke displays are generally permitted in Illinois but they too can be dangerous, particularly, if used without an adult supervision. States like Wisconsin and Indiana have a much more relaxed laws regarding fireworks, which means every summer millions of dollars in illegal fireworks make their way across the borders into the Chicago area.

All fireworks whether they are legal or not, should be considered unsafe because there is little or no product safety enforcement of them. No government agency inspects fireworks for product liability the way almost every other consumer good is evaluated. The lack of regulation means fireworks are notorious for exploding when they are not supposed to, or shooting into the wrong direction. Thus even a carefully monitored backyard display at a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party can be a very dangerous thing.

The only way to guarantee a safe viewing experience is to attend a professional sponsored fireworks event. Virtually every municipality in Cook County will sponsor fireworks during this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Do not risk the safety of your loved ones by lighting fireworks at your own party. Just go a few blocks away to view the displays.

## Editorial

by Annette Dixon

If I work long enough I may be able to write my own obituary. A few months ago the obituary was for Sky, our sales manager's fiancé. In the June 19 issue it was our delivery person, Mary Zielinski Ivanov. And now an obituary for my mother.

ROSE M. STELLA, age 92, born in Chicago, worked in factories most of her life, until she retired at age 62. My mother loved to work, so I volunteered her for Add Flyer Delivery Service for 10 years and Village View Newspapers for another 15. She was 87 when she decided enough was enough! Rose M. Stella, (nee Frapaseila) was able to help write her story in the Italian American Women of Chicagoland Book and also the Italian Family Recipes by the IAWC Cookbook. Rose belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Johnson Phelps VFW 5220, St. Bernadette Altar Guild, Italian American Women's Club in Evergreen Park. Loving mother of Annette D. Dixon (late Richard), John P. Stella (Mary). Rose had six grandchildren, Michel

Marie Rose, Esq. (Lauren), Lance Dixon (Kerry); Tony Stella (Tillie); P.J. Stella (Annetta); Jennifer Blievernicht (Mike); and Nick Stella, and loving Great Grandmother of 15.

Rose will be waked at Kosary Funeral Home, 9837 S. Kedzie Ave. Evergreen Park IL on Thursday, July 5 2-9 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be at St. Bernadette Church, 93rd & Francisco. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 6001 West 111th St. Alsip.



## Oak Lawn Park District

"Star Spangled Fourth of July" New Time and new venue for the Oak Lawn Park District's Star Spangled Fourth of July celebration.

This year's event will be held Wednesday, July 4, at Centennial Park, 93rd Street and Nashville Avenue, beginning at 11 am and will include the Annual SeeMore the Eagle Children's Bike Parade, carnival games, kids' garage sale, bingo, craft vendors, live entertainment and pool activities at Centennial Pool Admission is free, but there may be fees for certain activities including a \$1 admission to all of the pools.

The SeeMore the Eagle Children's Parade will be at 11:30 am with line-up in front of the Community Pavilion at 11:15 am. All participants will receive juice and a treat. This is a free event!

Evening entertainment will still be held at the football field at Richards High School (106th Street and Central Avenue). Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. The Oak Lawn Park District's gymnastics group "the Pirouettes" will put on a demonstration at 7:30 p.m., followed by American music from the band, City Lights Orchestra. Following the concert, there will be a spectacular fireworks display set to patriotic music. The Village of Oak Lawn is cosponsoring the fireworks display. Thank you also to our corporate sponsors, Yellow Book and Founders Bank. For more information, call 708-857-2200.

**Youth Outdoor Soccer Leagues** - There is still time to sign up for the Oak Lawn Park District's Outdoor Youth Soccer Leagues. Games will be played on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Practices will begin in early to mid-August. A coach will contact the players about practice days and times. This program is open to those ages 6-9. Fee is \$60 for Oak Lawn residents and \$85 for non-residents. Registration deadline is July 11. For more information, call 708-857-2420.

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**Teen Hiking Trip** to Starved Rock State Park Area teens are invited to join the Oak Lawn Park District for a day of hiking at Starved Rock State Park on Friday, July 6. The trip will include hikes to several canyons, bluffs, waterfalls and small caves. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring a sack lunch, water bottle and sunscreen. Fee for this trip is \$20. The trip will depart from the Oak View Center at 9 am and return at 6 pm. Registration deadline is June 30. For more information, please call 708-857-2200.

**Rubber Stamping Workshops** - Learn the easy art of rubber-stamping at the Oak Lawn Park District. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, July 10 from 7 - 9:30 pm. Participants will complete several projects, including greeting cards and gift bags, using various techniques. Samples of how to add stamping to your scrapbook pages will also be shown. Please bring your own colored pencils and scissors. Workshops are open to those ages 18 and up. Fee is \$9.50 for Oak Lawn residents and \$11.50 for non-residents.

For more information, please call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

**South Suburban Teen Battle Of The Bands** - The Oak Lawn Park District is hosting the South Suburban Teen Battle Of The Bands on Friday, July 13 at the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.). Enjoy a night of listening and cheering on local teen bands competing against other local park district's Battle of the Band winners for the top honors in the annual Regional Battle of the Bands. This event is open to those in junior high and high school. Doors will open at 6 pm. Fee is \$5 at the door. Concessions will be available along with t-shirts and glow products for sale. For more information, call 708-857-2420.

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**Teen Dodgeball Tournament** - July 20 - The Oak Lawn Park District needs area teens to compete in the annual Schaumburg Park District Teen Dodgeball Tournament on Friday, July 20. Gather up your friends to form a team of 10 players in Boy or Girl categories (no co-ed teams) of grades 7-8 or 9-12 (grade level based on 2006-2007 school year.)

Schaumburg Park District staff will organize activities for those not participating. Concessions will be available. Participants will depart from the Teen Center (David Johnson Center) at 8 am and return at 6 pm. Fee is \$25 per person. Registration deadline: July 8th. For more information, call 708-857-2200

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The Children's Art Area at the Village of Orland Park Art Fair will again include a school bus for kids to paint on Saturday, July 14. Orland Park's annual outdoor art showcase will be held July 14-15 at Orland Park Crossing, 143rd Street and LaGrange Road.

## Orland Park Art Fair To Be Held At Orland Park Crossing

*Juried, Outdoor Event To Host Artists from Across the Country*

ORLAND PARK, IL - The Village of Orland Park's Art Fair has become a summer favorite among art enthusiasts. Summer 2007 brings the fourth annual showcase of artists from across the country.

The Village of Orland Park and its Arts Commission will host the July 14 and 15 outdoor gallery at Orland Park Crossing, at 143rd Street and LaGrange Road. A variety of media will be available for purchase at this juried, outdoor event that will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, July 14 and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday, July 15.

"Orland Park's Art Fair is a great example of the village's ongoing commitment to cultural arts," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "We're very excited to again host a fair of this magnitude in Orland Park," the mayor added.

McLaughlin created the village's Arts Commission in 2001, appointing ten local residents with experience in the arts, including visual, theater, music, dance and more. The commission is responsible for the preservation and enhancement of the village's cultural development, as well as advising the Village Board on funding, promotion and program development for the arts.

"Orland Park's Art Fair showcases a wide variety of art, from paintings to jewelry, from photography to stained glass. There will be something for everyone," said Orland Park Arts Commission Chair Colleen Panega.

Orland Park Trustee Patricia Gira serves as the Village Board's liaison to the commission and has been directly involved with planning and expanding this year's offerings.

"This is a perfect summer destination for everyone," Gira said. "Along with having artists from across the country display and sell their works, fair goers will enjoy live entertainment, concessions and a community art project," she added.

Corporate sponsors for this year's Orland Park Art Fair include Suburban Bank and Trust, McDonough Associates, Lexington Health Care, Star 96.7 FM, Orland Park Crossing, Daily Southtown and Star Newspapers, Comcast, Founders Bank, Panera Bread, Jim Melka

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Live entertainment on Saturday, July 14 includes Kichwa Native performing music from the Andes from 10:00 a.m. until noon; Kaleidoscope Strings from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. and Steel Express from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Children will be able to paint an actual school bus in the Children's Art Area on Saturday.

Performances on Sunday, July 15 include The Music Connection from 11:00 a.m. until noon; Cantate Choir from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Jose Valdez from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Children's Art Area on Sunday will include a Monster Mural Painting.

Attendees will be invited to participate in the weekend's Community Art Project, painting picnic tables with Orland Park themes. The tables will then be used throughout the summer at different village events. The Youth Art Exhibit will include award winning student artwork from Orland School District 135 and Carl Sandburg High School.

Art Consultant Erin Melloy, of EM Events, has been working with the village's Arts Commission to attract artists from across the country.

"Artists from Illinois and a number of other states travel to Orland Park to be a part of the village's Art Fair. All works are for sale," Melloy said.

Melloy added that media featured in this event include oil, watercolor, sculpture, mixed media, ceramics, jewelry, photography, fiber, acrylic, glass and more.

Panega added, "This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to take advantage of viewing and purchasing art right in their own backyard."

Further information about the Village of Orland Park Art Fair is available by calling 708/403-6145.

## Vogt Visual Arts Center Seeking Instructors

The Tinley Park-Park District's Vogt Visual Arts Center is seeking instructors for Fall programs. Instructors should enjoy teaching all age groups in a variety of media. "This is a great opportunity for local artists to share their talents with eager arts patrons," commented Chuck Cummings, Cultural Arts Director for the Tinley Park-Park District. Classes are held primarily on evenings and weekends. For additional information, please contact Chuck Cummings at 708/342-4200.

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**Queen of Peace Honors Student-Athletes**  
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## Peace Announces New Head Varsity Volleyball Coach

Queen of Peace High School Athletics is pleased to announce its new head varsity volleyball coach, 1973 Peace alumna Anne Malone. "I feel honored to be part of a great tradition of coaches and players who have participated in the athletic program," Malone said in response to receiving the position.

Previously assistant coach at Peace, Malone will be joined by Brother Paul Ickes, head varsity coach at Brother Rice High School.

Malone and Ickes have coached together for 10 seasons: eight seasons at Brother Rice and two seasons at Robert Morris College.

"He [Brother Paul] and I share a passion about having the game played correctly, making sure the players understand the rules of the game and finding the right players who will fit into the system of volleyball we have chosen. We both truly enjoy working with this age group of student/athletes. Plus, he is a St. Laurence graduate and I am a Peace graduate - a good combination," Malone noted.

Looking forward to next season, Malone plans to make Peace a contender for the GCAC championship, win tournaments and be in the Elite Eight of the State finals. "Rather lofty goals, but I think these players want the same thing. Brother Paul and I hope to accomplish these goals by finding the players who want to work hard, develop their skill level and trust their teammates," said Malone.

Malone has 28 seasons of coaching experience, including coaching at Mother McAuley High School, St. Ignatius High School and Brother Rice High School. "I'm thrilled with this opportunity. I promise my players my best and I expect the best from them, as well."

## Paramount Theatre announces 2007-2008 season

The Paramount Theatre announces 2007-2008 season. It includes in the Broadway play area the following: "Hairspray", "Riverdance", "Annie" and "Cat on A Hot Tin Roof". Music makes the world go round and this season includes the following productions: Clint Black, Gordon Lightfoot, The Ten Tenors, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Lee Greenwood and Crystal Gayle.

Groups include Blood Sweat and Tears and Chuck Negron, Herman's Hermits and the Turtles, Mannheim Steamroller and The Glen Miller Orchestra. The comedy scene includes Frank Caliendo, Roseanne Barr, Jackie Mason, Brad Garrett and the Capitol Steps.

There are a number of family programs including Charlotte's web, Peter Pan, New Shanghai Circus, Aladdin and other selections. For the holidays there is the Kenny roger' 25th Anniversary Christmas Show, Brian Setzer Christmas Extravaganza and Sprit of Christmas.

Ballet Folklorico Quezalcoatl, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, and Stars of Chicago Dance explosion and Pilobolus represent dance. The travel guru Rick Steves (Public TV) and African Footprint represent the world culture areas.

Tickets are currently on sale. Purchase only three of more shows to take advantage of preferred seating. Call the paramount Box office at 630-896-6666 or visit online at [www.theparamounttheatre.com](http://www.theparamounttheatre.com). The Theatre is located at 8 E Galena Blvd, Aurora.

## Tinley Park Public Library Upcoming Events

*Find Your Voice, Tell Your Story*

Tinley Park, Ill. — The Tinley Park Public Library will host "Find Your Voice, Tell Your Story," a motivational workshop by Carol LaChapelle, on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop is especially for writers, journal writers, and family historians who want to record their life stories—significant tales of childhood, transition, adventure, loss and triumph. LaChapelle will use creative writing exercises to retrieve and record the important people, places, and events in our lives and better understand their meaning. Registration begins Monday, July 9. For more information, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

*Acting Workshop*

Tinley Park, Ill. — Youth Services at the Tinley Park Public Library invites kids in grades 6-12 to an acting workshop on Wednesday, July 18 and 25 and August 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kids will learn some basic acting exercises and techniques in a fun and nurturing group environment. No acting experience is necessary. Participants must sign up for all three dates; registration begins Tuesday, May 29. For details, please call Youth Services at 708.532.0160 (press 2). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

## The Broken Promise Congress


*Will Melissa Bean explain to her constituents why the Democrat-led Congress refuses to get anything done?*

WASHINGTON — Without any real legislative accomplishments after six months, and their approval rating in the tank, Melissa Bean and the Democrat-led Congress have returned to their districts to play a game of political smoke and mirrors. With a number of major legislative agenda items either stalled or still waiting to be addressed, Democrats have a lot of explaining to do over the 4th of July recess.

"The people of Melissa Bean's district deserve to know why this Democrat-led Congress continues to get nothing done," said Jessica Boulanger, NRCC Communications Director. "Melissa Bean and the Democrats promised change, but not a single major legislative action item has been signed into law. This is truly the broken promise Congress."

During the 2006 election, Democrats campaigned on a number of issues, including lower gas prices, ethics reform, and fiscal responsibility. Instead, gas prices continue to skyrocket, Democrat congressmen remain under investigation, and the Democrats' fiscal irresponsibility has consisted of higher taxes and slush funds for secret earmarks.

Other than designating 18 federal office buildings this Congress, the Democrats' signature accomplishment has been their ability to break every single campaign promise while driving down their public approval ratings in record time. Melissa Bean owes an explanation to the voters of her district, not more empty promises.



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Top row, Becky Pikula (Orland Park) and Ryan Quick (Evergreen Park)

Bottom row, Sasha Brenecki (Blue Island) and Kevin Buscemi (Evergreen Park) play the lead roles in McAuley's 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre Festival production of Disney's *High School Musical*.

## 99<sup>TH</sup> Street Summer Theatre Festival Opens 29<sup>th</sup> Season With Disney's "High School Musical"

The 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre Festival will present Disney's "High School Musical" on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the McAuley Theatre, 3737 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street. "High School Musical" is the live version of the highly successful Disney channel movie of the same title. When the movie came out in 2004, it became an immediate hit with today's generation. It was reminiscent of other generations' love of "Grease" in the 70's or "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in the 80's and 90's. It is a musical for our times and it speaks to the millennial students with a passionate voice.

According to Patricia Haynes, Director of the McAuley Theatre Department and Managing Director of the 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre Festival, "I became aware of this show through my students. They came into class and told me that I had to watch it. They were telling me the entire story, singing the songs, doing the dances, and even casting each other in the roles. I went home and searched the Disney channel and set-up my Tivo so I could watch the show. As soon as I watched the movie, I saw why the kids loved it. It had energy, vibrancy, modern humor, love, romance, devilment, and used creative technology to move the story along. It truly was a show for them in their time. I also noticed the techniques from shows such as "Grease" and "Joseph" that had been modernized and incorporated into the show. The two most obvious pieces were the finale song "We're All In This Together" which reminded me of "We Go Together" from "Grease" and the "High School Musical Megamix" which took me back to the "Joseph megamix."

The 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre Festival's production features a talented cast of young people in the show, on the crew, and on the staff. Each rehearsal is effortless because they love the show and give 100% effort at all rehearsals. Terese Pikula is the choreographer of the show and she is a sophomore at St. Xavier University and a

Mother McAuley graduate. Bridget Thomas is a senior theatre major at Illinois State University and a McAuley graduate is designing the set, Colleen Thomas, a Sophomore Theatre minor at Illinois State University and Lizz Wright, a senior technical theatre major at Spring Hill College are designing the lights, and Christina Bazan, a Columbia College sound student and McAuley grad is working with present McAuley senior, Maura Walsh on the sound design. In addition, the Musical Director is Terri Lenz with extra vocal coaching from Erin Haynes, a musical theatre graduate of Wright State University. All is under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Haynes with Technical Director, Donna Thomas and Michael Gutrich assisting in the production.

"High School Musical" needs to be seen now because it is a play for our times. Bring your family and friends for an energetic and fun night of entertainment to the McAuley Theatre on July 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> for "High School Musical." For more information or to reserve seats for groups of 25 or more call Patricia Haynes at 773-881-6512. The festival's second musical of the season will be Stephen Sondheim's classic "Into The Woods" which is led by a very strong and talented cast.

Tickets for both shows are available by calling Mrs. Haynes.

## Orland Memorial Post 111 - Annual Dance

Will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462 on FRIDAY 20 July 2007 from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM.

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## SXU President Judith A. Dwyer appoints vice president for information resources and technologies Calvin J. Williams named to post

Chicago (July 2, 2007) - Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., announced today the appointment of Calvin J. Williams as vice president for information resources and technologies beginning Aug. 1.

In this new cabinet position, Williams will coordinate and integrate all University information technology matters, recommending information systems policy at the highest level. He will also have responsibilities for oversight of the library, instructional technology, media services, and information services.

"Mr. Williams' advanced background in information systems at multiple institutions will provide leadership, integrative management and direction of the University's shared information systems as we move toward our goal of being recognized as a comprehensive Catholic university," President Dwyer said.

Selected from applicants in a national search, Williams brings to the University approximately 20 years of experience in developing initiatives that establish information technology as pivotal for scholarship, teaching and learning, and higher education accessibility. Most recently, Mr. Williams was associate vice president for instructional technology services at Monmouth University in New Jersey.

Prior to joining Monmouth University in December 2004, he was the Director of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center at Seton Hall University, responsible for management of instructional design staff who assisted faculty with teaching and learning initiatives and incorporation of technology.

"I am excited about coming to Saint Xavier to take the position of vice president for information resources and technologies," Williams said. "It is a privilege and an honor to be recognized by the search committee, and I look forward to sharing a central role in the integration of information technologies."

Williams received his B.A. in communications from Rutgers College and his M.L.S. from the School of Communications, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers University.

The remaining robotics classes that are available are Intermediate Lego Programming and Sensors and Ocean Odyssey Robo Challenge. Both classes begin July 9 and cost \$99.

Other classes open in the July session are Cartooning, Basic Drawing, Future Leaders Challenge Camp, Introduction to Photoshop, Keyboarding, Beginning Chinese, and Spanish.

Math-lovers can get their fill in Linking Math With Literature, Eating Up Mathematics, Math Review, Math in Architecture, Algebra Refresher, and Advanced Algebra. A Reading Review and Creative Writing class also will be offered.

Detailed information about all of these classes, including dates and times, can be found on the college's Web site, [morainevalley.edu/VLC](http://morainevalley.edu/VLC) or by calling (708) 974-5735.

Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (T/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

## Hundreds of children spend summer vacation learning at Moraine Valley

The Valley Learning Center at Moraine Valley Community College already has enrolled 1,200 children ages 4 to 15 in its summer programs, but there's still room for more in the July session. About 800 kids attended programs in June, and 400 have signed up for the next session, which begins July 17.

"Our numbers are up a little bit from last summer, which, of course, is a good thing," said Kathy Stearns, director of continuing education in Workforce Development and Community Services. "Our new robotics classes are very popular and have filled up quickly."

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for July 3<sup>rd</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!

Stay Safe this 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo:** Say it, sing it, scream it out loud about how lucky you finally are. You'll see great changes. Raids.

**Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer:** The profits are on the way into your life. You might try a side line job idea. It'll work! S aids

**Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius:** You can't deny it, you look & feel so much better! Changing attitudes makes miracles.

**Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn:** E & W seem to become involved in your life even if they don't want to be. Careful!

**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** G & J seem ready to make you aware of truths that were hidden from you.

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** If you can, start travel plans. Invite others to take part also. You make new promises.

**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** You may look back up to 30 days & see how far ahead you are financially...than you were.

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Read the above message & add this: sudden flashes of insight could make you a fortune!

**Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces:** The only person who can help you is yourself! You know what to do & when to say or do it!

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**Psychic Mini-Sessions** available from 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] July 16<sup>th</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month]. Walk-ins welcome. Appts are best. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for Regular services [walk-ins welcome as time is available].

#### Psychic Insights

#### Questions and Psychic Answers

#### Review: "The Secret"

Anyone with any degree of mental health training can say that "The Secret" is entertaining, can be helpful for some who are limited in an educational sense, or are people who want something for as little effort as possible. People have called me to make some kind of assessment on this work by an Australian writer who claims to have used the Law of Attraction to get to where she is today, a multimillionaire. I would suggest that people, if so inclined to learn more about the Law of Attraction practices, at least take a listen to or look-see into it for yourself. A Yahoo article "Critics of The Secret" bemoans claims. Decide for yourself if you can benefit from it.

Jacki Mari & Allyn

## News from the Museum of Contemporary Art

Here/Not Here runs July 3 to July 29, 2007. Images of fallen female soldiers flash across the screen as Emily Siefken, an artist and US Navy veteran, laments the cost of war on female soldiers. Jeremiah Barber performs physical feats, testing the strength of his body by manually sawing and rolling logs.

In Here/Not Here, a four-week performance art series, viewers experience live events and discover the art that is left and what remains. Weekly performances begin on Tuesday with a performance at 7pm. The first week July 3-8 live performances in the galleries are July 4 1-4pm and July 5-8 from 1-4pm. Live performances in the evening are July 3 at 7pm and July 4 at 8:30pm.

US Navy veteran Emily Siefken performs Tomb of the Unknown to honor the life and death of female military casualties from the Iraq war. For the evening performance on Independence Day, on July 4<sup>th</sup> Emily Siefken is on the large plinth on the front of the MCA building, marching the ceremonial walk enacted at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. Images of female military casualties are projected behind her while the artist narrates brief biographies of the women.

Every Tuesday evening through September 25, visitors are invited to the MCA for the live jazz series, Tuesdays on the Terrace. The free series is hosted by local radio personalities and features some of Chicago's hottest jazz musicians. The event is 5:30-8pm and offers gourmet-outdoor dining catered by Puck on the terrace and in the sculptured garden. Dinner reservations are recommended. Call 312-397-4034.

July artists include July 10 Crosswind, hosted by Marsha Noble, July 17 Fred Lonberg-Holm Valentine Trio hosted by Al Carter Bay, July 24 Andre Earles Quartet hosted by Bay and on July 31 Diane 'Lil Sax' Ellis and the Jazzy Ladies hosted by Bay.

On Tuesday the MCA host the Chicago Farmer's Market until October 30 on the plaza from 9am to 6pm. On Target Free Tuesdays, the MCA is open late, providing visitors with an opportunity to view the latest exhibitions. There is a free public tour at 6pm every Tuesday.

## OCS Planned trips

Plan to join the group at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W 97<sup>th</sup> St for two 1-day trips. Starved Rock is Thursday, August 30 departing at 8:15am and with an approximate return at 5:15pm. Tickets are \$70 and it includes round trip motor-coach transportation, a visit to Illinois Waterway Center, a narrated guided tour aboard Starved Rock Trolley, lunch at Starved Rock Lodge and a boat ride on the Illinois River.

Go to Shipshewana on Tuesday, September 25 departing at 7:15am and an approximate return at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$68 and it includes round-trip motor-coach transportation, the Riegsecker's Marketplace for handicraft art and collectibles, a family-style lunch at Bluegate Restaurant and shopping at the outdoor flea market.

Tickets are available in room 107, Community Center. For information call 708-422-8776.

## Mt Greenwood Garden Club news

Come join us for a walk through the secret gardens of Mount Greenwood. The garden waoi will start at 10444 S Christiana, Chicago on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am-3pm. Tickets are \$8 and available the day of the walk or at UnReal Florist, 3514 W 111<sup>th</sup> St. UnReal is the sponsor.

Mount Greenwood Garden Club meets

Thursday, July 12 at 6:30pm at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S Kedzie. The speaker is Nancy Lynn Burgess and the topic is Pioneer Women Knew Everything about Garden Flowers.

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### WHEN HANNAH MET HENRY

The last thing in the world we needed was another dog. Hannah, our beloved golden retriever was finally becoming the perfect pet. It took five years of rambunctious behavior but our patience had paid off. She now goes most everywhere with us. She sits in the back seat of the Explorer as if she's our child. In a sense she is. We rarely need a leash for she never leaves Bill's side, ever the faithful fur kid.

For months we've been thwarting our daughters unanimous opinion that we should get another dog. After Holly, our Christmas puppy from 1995, was put to sleep, Bill was adamant that we did not want another dog - Hannah was enough. Besides, life was just beginning to calm down, we were enjoying a home with one canine companion.

And then, something unexplainable happened. We found ourselves looking through pet store windows, lingering awhile to watch the puppies in full play mode. We'd watch the commercial of adorable retriever puppies tumbling over each other and in unison we'd both sigh, "Oh aren't they so cute!"

We found ourselves reminiscing about when Hannah was a blue eyed, tiny bundle of golden fluff. She was also a Christmas gift, when Jaime brought her home from college. Back then Holly was the regal retriever in residence and wanted no part of Hyper Hannah. They eventually accepted each other. When Holly passed over to the Rainbow Bridge Hannah moved up the ranks of queen of her master's castle.

How could it be that five years have passed since Hannah came into our lives when it seems like only yesterday?

The girls must have sensed the nostalgia was creating a sentimental soft spot, for when talks of gifting us with a puppy resumed Bill was receptive to the idea. It didn't take me long to get excited about the new addition to the family. I wonder if this is, perhaps, a side effect to the empty nest life style.

In between the kids getting married and anxiously waiting for news of impending grandchildren, maybe the pitter-patter of tiny paw prints can fill the silence til the pitter-patter of grandchildren fills the void.

Last Sunday, Bill and I were busy puppy proofing the backyard while Jaime and husband Dan went to see a man about a dog.

As we wrapped chicken wire around the new wrought iron fence I started to get cold feet. Did I really want to start all over again with the chewing, the late night whining and the constant eyes in the back of our heads to be ready to run the pup outside each and every time his nose so much as sniffed the floor? Were we nuts to take on the challenge when it would mean that Hannah would also have to adjust to another 4 legged tiny, teething terror nipping at her heels?

Before I could give credence to any lingering doubts, I looked up to see Jaime and Dan walking down the gangway toward the backyard. The cutest golden retriever puppy was hopping alongside them. And, in that moment, I knew that Henry had found his forever home. Hannah may not be as enthusiastic as we are but, in time, she'll come around. It is now hurricane Henry, a name passed down from a now calm and docile Hannah.

As I watch him tear around the yard with lightening speed, to see all and do all - I take a peek at Hannah, in hiding, and I can't help but wonder - Where does the time go?

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

If everything is under control you're going too slow. (Mario Andretti.)

## Village Pantry Coalition at OCS

Your donation to the annual Christmas in July Village Pantry Coalition drive would be appreciated. Please help re-stock the pantry shelves, so that emergency food and non-perishable items may be provided for Evergreen Park individuals and families experiencing financial problems due to unemployment, illness, etc.

Monetary donations are also welcome, enabling us to assist the clients to obtain perishable items, such as milk, fresh produce, bread, etc. Please bring your donations to the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th Street, Evergreen Park. Hours are Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm.

## OL Garden Club announces contest winners

Mayor Dave Hellmann presented awards at Oak Lawns Village Hall for the Oak Lawn Garden Club contest winners. First place award was given to Ed Gallagher, second place winner award was Ruth and Bob Byrnes and Janet and Richard Engstrom received third place award.

## EARTH TALK

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What is the status of Sea Turtle protection efforts? Don't many of them die in fishnets and, as a result, are threatened with extinction? — Matthew Lieberman, Wellesley, MA

Given their tenuous existence, sea turtles are considered by many environmentalists as ambassadors for the world's troubled oceans. They have graced the seas for more than 200 million years and survived whatever catastrophe befell the dinosaurs. But they are now facing a sharp decline in numbers around the world

due mainly to human threats such as the alteration of beach nesting habitat, the harvesting of eggs for food, entanglement in fishing nets and pollution of ocean waters.

Found in all the warm ocean waters of the Earth, sea turtles generally remain at sea, returning to the surface for air and only coming ashore to lay eggs and nest. The five species of sea turtles found in and around North America are the leatherback, green turtle, hawksbill, Kemp's ridley and loggerhead.

Sea turtles are protected in and around U.S. waters under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which lists the hawksbill, leatherback, Kemp's ridley and green turtle as "endangered," while the loggerhead is listed as "threatened." (A species is considered endangered when it is on the brink of extinction; if it is experiencing serious threats that may eventually lead to its extinction, but the situation is not yet critical, it is classified as threatened.) Harming, harassing, killing, importing, selling or transporting any sea turtle, hatching or eggs is considered a violation of federal law punishable by a stiff fine and jail time.

Outside the U.S., many other countries have similar laws designed to protect the world's remaining and beloved sea turtles. And the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), an international agreement signed by 169 countries and designed to prevent the trade in endangered wild animals and their parts, also protects sea turtles. But such measures often look much better on paper; enforcement efforts

are often inadequate and as a result sea turtle populations continue to plummet.

According to the Florida-based Caribbean Conservation Corporation (also known as the Sea Turtle Survival League), present goals for protecting sea turtles include: cracking down on the illegal international trade in turtles and turtle products; forcing fishing boats to use "turtle excluder devices" in their nets to decrease turtle deaths; establishing more coastal refuges to keep development from encroaching on turtle nesting beaches; decreasing artificial light near nesting beaches (light scares turtles away); enforcing laws to minimize the dumping of pollutants and solid waste into the ocean and near-shore waters; and stepping up turtle monitoring activities so conservation efforts can stay focused where they are most needed.

Individuals can do their part by steering clear of sea turtles when they are laying eggs on beaches, making sure to never remove or handle a turtle egg in any way, and keeping house lights (and even flashlights and camera flashes) off at night on or near nesting beaches. Concerned persons can also help by joining and supporting organizations working to protect sea turtles, such as the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, the Sea Turtle Restoration Project and the National Save the Sea Turtle Foundation.

CONTACTS: Caribbean Conservation Corporation's "Information on Sea Turtles and Threats to Their Survival,"

www.cccturtle.org/sea-turtle-information.php; Sea Turtle Restoration Project, www.seaturtles.org; National Save the Sea Turtle Foundation, www.savetheseaturtle.org.

## The Oak Lawn Library presents a 1967 Tornado slide show

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an encore performance of their 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado history presentation 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18. Local History Coordinator, Dr. Maureen Gilligan, will narrate a slide show featuring eyewitness accounts, storm survivor stories, newspaper coverage, film clips, photographs and records maintained in the library's local history archives.

Community members are also invited to visit the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado exhibit on display in the library's Local History Room through July 31. Please call in advance to check the hours of operation, 708-422-4990.

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Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore

## Letter to the Editor

Residents of Cook County know that between winter and summer we have time for construction and home repair. This is especially true for residents of the City of Chicago and suburban areas. We are presently in the middle of the construction and home repair season. Home repair season brings out the charismatic charlatans, home repair flyers and telephone solicitors. Their primary prey is the trusting unwary senior citizen.

Many seniors live alone and are dependant upon outside parties to assist them with many aspects of their lives such as grocery shopping, transportation and home repair. The outside party will usually develop a trusting relationship with the senior, which gives him or her unfettered access. Like the cat who plays with the unsuspecting mouse until his appetite overtakes him, there lies his victim. The home repair person does not have time to court the senior. He moves in fast with soothing conversation and identifies a home repair problem and pounces on the unsuspecting senior. Extracting a down payment or getting the senior to execute a contract for service that usually does not fully disclose the terms, conditions and provision of the contract. How can we mitigate the occurrences of senior victimization?

If you require home repair or have decided to make certain improvements to your home, contact a reputable contractor. The contractor should be one that a friend or relative has used in the past, or contact the Better Business Bureau for a list of qualified contractors. These persons are not likely to abuse their access and are accountable to others, i.e. the friend or relative and the BBB. However, should you find yourself subject to high pressure sales tactics the following is a list of requests

that should remedy the situation:

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Contractors who are not properly organized, or simply seek to abuse seniors and the consuming public in general, will not be prepared to supply the above documentation and will refuse the work based upon your request.

Seniors, enjoy the summer and don't become a victim of home repair fraud.

## Beverly South Christian Woman's Club

Beverly South Christian Woman's Club will host "A Teacup" Luncheon on Thursday July 19, 2007 at noon. It will be held at the Lexington House Banquet facility, 7717 West 95 Street, Hickory Hills, IL.

Sue Okarma will tell about "A Gift That Keeps On Giving". Audience participation is encouraged for the Special Feature this month. Please bring a treasured teacup and share its story. Welcome Anita Green as she entertains us with her musical talent.

Cost of the luncheon is \$11.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required by July 16, 2007. Please call Helen at 708-598-8191 or Judy at 773-233-7949

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The 200-2008 season highlights at the Center for Performing Arts GSU will include performances by Marie Osmand and the Osmand Brothers, David Sedaris, Neil Sedaka, The

African Children's Choir, the National Broadway Touring Production of 'Annie' and Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of 'Whose Line Is It Anyway.'

Also featured will be the Glen Miller Orchestra, the musical 'Ain't Misbehavin', TV funny man Jerry Stiller, 'Sister's Christmas Catechism' by the authors of the improv hit 'Late Night Catechism,' and opens with Teatro Lirico d'Europa production of 'Tosca.'

Dance programs include Salt Creek Ballet production

of 'The Nutcracker', and 'Giselle' and Irish dance troupe Trinity II for St. Patrick celebrations. There are a number of kid programs including Winnie the Pooh, The Christmas carol, the Mermaid Theater puppetry The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favorites, Charlotte's Web and a musical Max and Ruby.

Tickets for the season are available now. Call the center box office at 708-235-2222 or visit the web at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

## Museum of Science and Industry news

City of the Future: A Design and Engineering Challenge: June 8 to October 7, 2007. The History Channel, with its sponsors Infiniti and IBM challenge teams of today's top designers, architects and engineers to produce a vision of their city 100 years from now, like the engineering and architectural marvels of past civilizations, has the staying power to endure for centuries to come.

City of the Future: A Design and Engineering Challenge was a competition hosted in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles. Now seven concept designs from Chicago firms, the two finalists from New York and LA and the competition winners from Chicago's own Urban Lab will be on display at the MSI.

Guest will learn about the history of city planning from ancient to recent past, as well as the environmental issues that may affect a modern city, as they see firsthand how the firms who entered this competition imagine their city a century from now.

Each city model will be accompanied by a description explaining the design, its influences and the goals of the project. Guests will also have the chance to build their own vision of the future with an interactive display.

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## The Beauty Queen of Leenane presents a big punch

by Marijo Doody

Artistic Director Michael Patrick Thornton and The Gift Theatre Company are presenting Martin McDonough's dark comedy "The Beauty Queen of Leenane." It has all the drama of real life with the mother-daughter conflict, dignity of the elderly and everyday working under stress caring for an aging parent while missing out on one's own life.

We are brought inside the cottage of caretaker Maureen Folan (played by Lynda Newton a Gift Theatre ensemble member) and her infirmed mother Mag, played by Mary Ann Thebus a veteran Chicago actor. The setting is in the County Galway village of Lennane.

Mag and Maureen are portrayed in their bonding to each other forever, but Mag is a nagger! She exhibits all the fears of an aged parent being left alone if Maureen leaves for any reason. Other siblings take no interest in the aging mother. This is so common in families that one person is left holding the fort.

The interplay between Mag and Maureen shows the bantering, lying, loyalty, betrayal, anger and all human emotions. There are lots of funny lines. The playgoer has to focus the ear on the dialect. Actors were marvelous in the dialect of Connemara. Brigid Duffy with Irish Repertory was the dialect coach. The playgoer could empathize with the perpetrator or suffer with the victim.

The two male cast members are Brian Deneen (Ray Dooley) and John Gawlik (Pato Dooley). Brian is a recent graduate of Northwestern University performance department and will be seen in the upcoming film 'Drunkboat' with John Malkovich. His portrayal of the younger brother was excellent.

John Gawlik is thrilled to be working on Beauty Queen, marvelously directed by Sheldon Patinkin. John has acted and directed in numerous Chicago companies. The contrast in the two brothers Ray and Pato was interesting. Ray is the lazy, shiftless, no ambition fellow whereas Pato was always wanting to better himself and eventually takes a job in Boston.

As the play unfolds, Maureen meets Pato at a social; he comes home with her for an encounter. At 40, Maureen feels life has passed her by. Mag doesn't like this a bit as this is a big threat. Pato leaves for work in England.

Pato writes Maureen a letter to ask her to go with him to Boston. The brother Ray is instructed to give the letter only to Maureen. Ray runs out of patience and gives the letter to the mother, Mag for Maureen. Needless to say, Maureen never sees the letter. It goes into the kitchen-stove fire.

Does Maureen have a chance for love and a new life? Panic ensues, alliances shift and a battle for survival changes their lives forever. It is ghastly, thrilling, mean, hilarious, sickening, appalling and haunts you long after you leave the play.

The Beauty Queen of Lennane was a winner of four Tony Awards. Sheldon Patinkin the director is chair of the Theater Department of Columbia College, Artistic Director of the Getz Theatre, Artistic Consultant of Second City and Steppenwolf Theatres.

The Beauty Queen of Lennane runs through July 29 on Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Call 773-283-7071 for tickets. The Gift Theater is small and located at 4802 N Milwaukee Ave in Jefferson Park Chicago.

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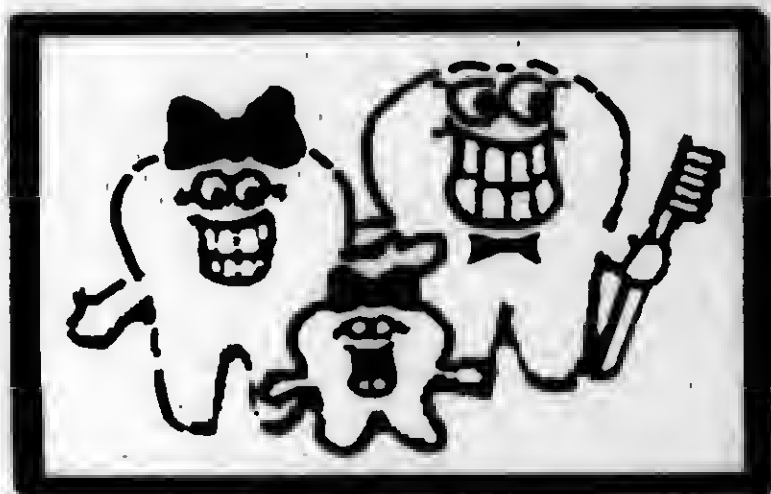
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## Orland Park approves variances

by Matt Mayer

The village board concurred with the recommendations of the Planning and Economic Committee and approved variances at the June 18, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting for Copper Square, a mix use development at 147th Street, and Ravinia Avenue across from the municipal building. The three story development is slated to include grade level businesses with residential above. One of the variances allows the developer to use wood frame construction throughout the development.

The village fire ordinance limits residential construction to include noncombustible materials. Officials say that the developments meet the national building codes and that each unit will contain a separate fire sprinkler in order to meet the village code. The business units will be limited to 483 square feet and must be constructed to village codes. The residential floor plans must contain a minimum of 1,400 square feet and the entire building must meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

A variance for Crescent Hill, a residential development at 108th Avenue and 145th Street was also approved. Crescent Hill is slated to be a seven-lot subdivision. The development was tabled while the developer made adjustments to meet fire department requirements, which called for a full cul-de-sac to allow access for emergency vehicles. The economic development committee along with the village board and the developer created an accessible hammerhead turnaround in the subdivision.

Residents in the adjacent Crystal Meadows Court subdivision were also troubled by the increased traffic, which would be generated along Crystal Meadow Court, the main thoroughfare for both subdivisions. The developer's attorney stated that the lots would not be sold but would be kept for the landowner's children.

## Out of the woods walk helps entire area

Tinley Park IL - Imagine having one of the worst days of your life. You get up too late, miss breakfast and your train, your boss is not happy with you and gives you a new boring project, your favorite lunch place is closed, you come home and have an argument with your spouse, dinner is burned and the toilet is clogged. Now, imagine having that day again and again and again, with no relief in sight. That's how people who suffer from depression feel - that every day is just terrible and tomorrow, next week, next month, won't be any better.

Now, imagine that you can do something to help. Teens, adults and children can register for Out of The Woods Walk, an annual event that raises awareness of depression as an illness and raises fund to benefit PSC Charities, providing counseling and therapy to low-income, uninsured or underinsured children, families and adults throughout the Southland region. The third annual walk will take place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Yankee Woods in Oak Forest. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and the walk kicks off at 9:30 am.

This year, the national depression and suicide walk is taking a pass on Chicago, and organizers hope more people will get involved in this local event. "This helps your neigh-

bors, it helps your teens, it helps right here," stated Dominic Palumbo, the 17-year-old founder of the walk. Palumbo was a freshman at VJ Andrew in Tinley Park when he turned away from the national walk in 2005 while he was struggling with his own battle and had experienced the suicide of a friend. Palumbo has been the driving force for Out of The Woods, speaking at local chambers, Kiwanis, Jaycees and other groups to solicit donations and encourage walker participation.

"While I'm happy that we've raised so much money (over \$28,000 to date), and it's great that so many people can benefit from the therapy, the real reason we do this is to get people talking. We want schools and families to talk with their kids and teens about depression and answer questions about suicide. We want people to realize that mental illness is just that - an illness that can be diagnosed, treated and usually cured. If they feel miserable right now, they need to seek the therapy and possibly the medication that will treat them and make them healthy and whole again," says Palumbo.

For families who may be uncomfortable or just uninformed, the event's website, [www.outofthewoodswalk.org](http://www.outofthewoodswalk.org), provides links to discover more about depression and suicide, where help is available for family and friends, and what to do when you're experiencing the illness yourself.

And, of course, the website is the place to go to register for the walk. Scott Costello, president of PSC, is excited about the new, more user-friendly and interactive website that was rolled out this year. "Walkers can register, then generate an e-mail to their contacts that will help them solicit donations. Donors can go to the website and contribute any amount using a credit card. This is a much

more streamlined process and we believe we'll be able to increase our services to the Southland dramatically this fall," said Costello.

Palumbo encourages those who've experienced depression themselves, watched a loved one suffer, or had a loved one take their life, to walk, which he says is really almost everyone. "Walk for yourself, walk for your best friend, walk for your mom, your sister, your

neighbor. The three miles are not too long, but the stories that are told along the way are just so inspiring. This illness touches almost everyone in some way; suicide is the third leading cause of death in teens. It's so common and can be so horrific and life-changing."

Walkers get breakfast, donated in part by Covered Bridge Theatre, a goodie bag filled with items donated by various businesses, a door

prize and a T-shirt if they register by August 30<sup>th</sup> and raise the minimum of just \$100. Entertainment, music, kid's games and trivia contests are generously donated by Just For Fun! Corporate sponsorships include the Avery Payne Group of Olympia Fields.

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Left to right: Tom Cochran, Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Tom Palmer, President, US COM; Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin; Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, Chair of US COM Business Council; Kelly Caffarelli, Executive Director, The Home Depot Foundation.

## ORLAND PARK RECOGNIZED BY U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

*Presented City Livability and Community Tree Awards*

ORLAND PARK, IL - Mayor Dan McLaughlin was present to receive two prestigious awards at the annual United States Conference of Mayors' 75<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Los Angeles, California.

Sponsored by The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Waste Management, the Village of Orland Park earned an honorable mention in the 2007 City Livability Awards Program, which recognizes mayoral leadership for developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities. Orland Park was one of fifteen communities selected from a pool of over 200 applicants nationwide.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and The Home Depot Foundation also presented Mayor McLaughlin with an Award of Excellence for Community Trees and Urban Forestry. The award recognizes communities that have used trees to promote healthy communities, and was presented to four communities out of a nationwide field of applicants. Orland Park was a runner up in the program's under 100,000 in population category, and received a \$25,000 grant that will be used for its open lands efforts.

"It's something that we're very proud of," Mayor McLaughlin said. "Orland Park prides itself on the many attributes that make our village a desirable place to live. These awards are a testament to the hard work of many people that have made these programs possible."

The village received the City Livability award in recognition of its veterans' programs, which support both veterans and current military personnel. The Award of Excellence for Community Trees and Urban Forestry was presented in recognition of the village's tree programs, which includes the Open Lands program.





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**Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo:** G & J seem ready to make you aware of truths that were hidden from you.

**Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra:** If you can, start

travel plans. Invite others to take part also. You make new promises.

**Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius:** You may look back up to 30 days & see how far ahead you are financially...than you were.

**Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio:** Read the above message & add this: sudden flashes of insight could make you a fortune!

**Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces:** The only person who can help you is yourself! You know what to do & when to say or do it!

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**Psychic Mini-Sessions** available from 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] July 16<sup>th</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month]. **Walk-ins welcome, Appts are best.** I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues. for Regular services [walk-ins welcome as time is available].

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**Review: "The Secret"**

Anyone with any degree of mental health training can say that "The Secret" is entertaining, can be helpful for some who are limited in an educational sense, or are people who want something for as little effort as possible. People have called me to make some kind of assessment on this work by an Australian writer who claims to have used the Law of Attraction to get to where she is today, a multimillionaire. I would suggest that people, if so inclined to learn more about the Law of Attraction practices, at least take a listen to or look-see into it for yourself. A Yahoo article "Critics of The Secret" bemoans claims. Decide for yourself if you can benefit from it.

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## Local Stores have tools

Six Must-Have Earth-Friendly Tools to Make Summer Yard Care a Breeze From weeding to watering, when it comes to summertime lawn and garden maintenance, the tools you use can make all the difference. With the right gear in your garage or tool shed, taking care of your yard and garden can be nearly as stress-free as a glass of cold lemonade on a lazy summer afternoon. It's no secret that well-designed tools can help cut down on the time and effort it takes to tackle outdoor chores while reducing strain on your body. But with thousands of gadgets and gizmos on store shelves, how do you choose the right ones?

"Talk to your friends and neighbors with yards you admire and ask them what tools they use," says Dan Wright, president of lawn and garden tool manufacturer Yard Butler, a division of Lewis Lifetime Tools. "Stick to the basics, and choose well-made, durable tools that allow you to avoid chemicals, air pollution or wasting resources." According to Wright, here are six must-have — and earth-friendly — tools to ensure quick and easy summer yard maintenance. ~Lawn mower. Manual reel mowers have made a strong comeback lately.

Better designs make them much easier to use than when you were getting paid 50 cents a yard to mow your neighbor's lawn. With easy height adjustability and blade maintenance, these can be a great — and green — choice for smaller yards. ~Weeder. Weeding consistently tops people's least-favorite chore lists. And no wonder — it can be dirty, backbreaking work, especially if you're trying to avoid overusing chemicals in your yard. But tools have come a long way from the old-fashioned weeding forks that forced you to get down on your hands and knees and gouge at the turf.

The innovative Rocket Weeder, for instance, lets you pull weeds without bending over. The tool grabs the weed without breaking off the roots, while its ergonomic, easy-on-the-back handle does most of

the work by rocking the weed out of the ground. ~Edger. A manicured edge along a sidewalk or driveway is an attractive finishing touch for any lawn. One easy option is to use a walk-behind tool that edges as you walk, slicing off the ragged edge along sidewalks or driveways.

Look for an edger that centers your weight over the cutting edge, which makes edging as easy as taking a step. These stand-up tools can also be used to dig trenches and install landscaping edging for a finished look around gardens. ~Aerator. Aerating is an often-overlooked — but very important — summer maintenance task.

Forget the walk-around spiked shoes. Removing plugs of soil helps reduce compaction and allows water, air and fertilizer to get down to the soil, which strengthens the grass plant's root structure. A little bit of aerating goes a long way. Consider using a manual aerating tool that removes plugs from the turf while you step.

~Root irrigator. Dehydration is an all-too-common cause of tree damage, but it's easily preventable. A deep root irrigator is an efficient way to deliver water directly to the root zone. The easy-to-use tool hooks up to your hose and encourages beneficial deep root growth, which helps plants withstand periods of drought. Just as important, it saves water by eliminating wasteful runoff and evaporation because it delivers moisture directly to the roots. ~Tiller. When you're planting a garden, breaking through hard-packed soil can be a difficult task.

To cut down on the effort, invest in a good-quality stand-up tiller with teeth that are sturdy enough to twist into the ground and a step-plate that lets you deliver enough force to penetrate the packed soil. Tillers can also blend in fertilizers and mulches, cultivate around shrubs or bushes and dig holes.

With the right tools, for the job, you can cultivate a healthy, beautiful yard and garden that'll have your neighbors turning green with envy.

For more information about specialty tools, visit [www.YardButlerStore.com](http://www.YardButlerStore.com).



## 2007 YOUTH ART AWARDS

Orland Park Arts Commission  
Recognizes Student Artists

ORLAND PARK, IL — The Village of Orland Park Arts Commission hosted a Youth Art Expo and Awards Ceremony on June 19, 2007 at the Cultural Arts Center. Winning artwork from School District 135 junior high schools and Sandburg High School art shows were submitted and judged. Mayor Dan McLaughlin presented the winners with ribbons and cash awards.

Best In Show awards were presented to Caitlin Charles, Carl Sandburg High School and to Lauren Marsan, Jerling Junior High.

Jerling Junior High students receiving awards were Alex Tepoorten, first place; Kari Burner, second place; Theresa Boline, third place. Century Junior High students included Jess Alanis, first place; Matt Veldman, second place, Lucas Krull, third place. Orland Junior High students were Kate Halterman, first place; Stacy Han, second place, Lauren Olsen, third place.

Sandburg High School winners were Kiersten Schonauer, first place, Richard Barban, second place and Kelly Roche, third place.

All winning artwork will be displayed at the Village of Orland Park Art Fair on July 14 and 15 at Orland Park Crossing, 143<sup>rd</sup> and LaGrange Road.

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## Chicago Ridge begins West Nile treatment program

By  
Matt Mayer

The village board approved a public works request at the June 19th Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting to purchase a Ford Escape through the state purchase program. The vehicle will be used by the water department for checking water meters. A Fire Department request from Fire Chief Randy Grossi to hire Phillip Squibb and Alexander Estes as paid on call firefighters was also approved.

Other highlights: The board concurred with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approved a variance for a 21 by 34 second garage, with a front setback at 6927 W. 97th Street. The current garage will remain on the property, and be used for storage.

The larva side pellet program in an effort to control the West Nile Virus has begun. The pellets have been placed in catch basins throughout the village. The first treatment was preformed by Cook County, and the village will perform the second treatment. The county maintains four Mosquito Abatement Districts, which maintain mosquito surveillance. The Mosquito Abatement District also suggests that residents take simple steps to eliminate potential sources for these mosquitoes. This information maybe obtained by visiting [www.cookcountypublichealth.org/program/eni/west.shtml](http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/program/eni/west.shtml) or by telephoning the Cook County Department of Public Health at 708-492-2000. The next meeting will be held on July 10 Due to the 4th of July holiday.

## South-Southwest Suburban United Way Celebrates with Annual Recognition Event

June 18, 2006 South-Southwest Suburban United Way announced the 2007-2008 Board of Directors and thanked donors, volunteers, and agency partners for all their hardwork and success. Through the generosity of donors South-Southwest Suburban United Way is investing over \$3 million in a wide range of health and human services programs that provide a network of services that support the communities of the South & Southwest Suburban communities including:

- Providing crisis support
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South-Southwest Suburban United Way honored its top Corporate Citizens at this event. Corporate Citizen Awards honor companies and their employees for contributing the most dollars to United Way through corporate and employee donations, special events, programs and volunteerism. Accepting the award is Belinda Cisneros, Director of Special Events Carson Pirie Scott, Chicago Ridge

## The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn now offering Kidz Art classes Partnering to enrich the lives of children through art !!

July 1, 2007, Oak Lawn, Illinois- The Kidz Art - "Squiggles to Grins" program will focus on 2 to 3 1/2 year olds - YES, that very active, curious, and impatient age that will be challenged with a fast paced & fun combination Of: Age appropriate art - Original songs - Group gross motor activity - Poetry - Story telling.

Classes will be held at the museum on Tuesday mornings beginning on July 24th at 9:00 a.m. Each session will consist of 45 minute classes held once per week for 4 weeks. Special introductory cost per 4 week session is \$40.00 for museum members, and \$48.00 for non-members. In addition - after each session, the parent/child can stay to play for no additional charge!

One Parent/Adult Partner is required to stay with the child as this is a Parent/Child program. As with all Kidz Art classes - all materials are included in the cost. For information/registration see details in museum, or contact Mary Grant at 708-233-6923, or Sandy Washington at (773) 677-7308. Visit the Web site at [www.kidzarthills.com](http://www.kidzarthills.com)

## Mc Donald-Linn Chicago Ridge Post 177 news

The Chicago Ridge VFW Post Ritual Team and its Ladies Auxiliary celebrated Flag Day with the residents of the Bridgeview Health Care Center. Resident veterans were presented with VFW post No. 177 baseball caps and thanked for their service to our country. Flag facts and trivia were discussed and flag folding observed. Patriotic music was enjoyed by all. For any information on Chicago Ridge Mc Donald Linn Post 177 call Peter Buck (Public relations) at 708-636-3220. Chicago Ridge VFW Post is located 10537 Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge.

## It's Coming Soon...

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## Chicago Children's Theatre celebrate baseball season

Play ball with Chicago Children's Theatre's production of "Honus and Me" at Goodman Theatre's Owen Theatre July 20 to August 26. The theater is 170 N Dearborn St. The play, which takes place in baseball season, focuses on the Honus Wagner T-206 that has been described as the 'Mona Lisa of baseball cards.' The Chicago Cubs and Cubs care support the production.

Honus Wagner, who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the early 1900's, is regarded as one of baseball's greatest all-around players. He is one of the first players inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. His baseball card is one of the most-famous and valuable cards in existence. In 1909, Wagner had his baseball card recalled because as a non-smoker, he objected to the sale of his card with tobacco and did not want to set a bad example for children. In February 2007, a Honus Wagner T-206 baseball card sold for a record \$2.35 million dollars.

With the look and excitement of a real baseball stadium, the Goldman's Owen Theatre will be transformed for a story that blends sports, theater and fantasy. "Honus and Me" tells the story of Joe Stoshak, a young baseball fanatic who stumbles upon the most valuable baseball card of all time-a Honus Wagner T-206- while cleaning his neighbor's attic. The card acts as a portal between Joe and Honus and young Joe is taken back in time to the seventh inning of the 1909 World Series. Wagner imparts upon him the confidence and wisdom he needs to succeed not only in baseball but also in life.

Artistic Director, Jacqui Russell indicates "we think it is so perfect for us to perform this great story during the heart of baseball season in a baseball city like Chicago. It is a privilege to return to the Goodman Theatre where we enjoyed our very first production 'A Year With Frog and Toad'."

Sean Graney directs Honus and Me with Andrew Pluess as sound designer and Todd Rosenthal serving as scenic designer. Cast includes Jane Alderman, Amy Carle, Sean Cooper, Tim Rock, John Steven Crowley, Jose Antonio Garcia, Barnden Moran and Eric Slater.

Dan Gutman is the author of more than 60 beloved children tales and Steven Dietz adapted the book for stage. The play is recommended for children seven and up. Tickets are \$15-\$38. Call the box office at 312-443-3800. Sunday performances are 11am and 2pm. Friday's at 7pm, Saturday's at 2 and 6pm. There are two Tuesday performances at 10:30am on July 31 and August 7 and Thursday performances on July 26 at 7pm and August 2 and 9 at 1pm.



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#### Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers Review: "The Secret"

Anyone with any degree of mental health training can say that "The Secret" is entertaining, can be helpful for some who are limited in an educational sense, or are people who want something for as little effort as possible. People have called me to make some kind of assessment on this work by an Australian writer who claims to have used the Law of Attraction to get to where she is today, a multimillionaire. I would suggest that people, if so inclined to learn more about the Law of Attraction practices, at least take a listen to or look-see into it for yourself. A Yahoo article "Critics of The Secret" bemoans claims. Decide for yourself if you can benefit from it.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## News from the Museum of Contemporary Art

Here/Not Here runs July 3 to July 29, 2007. Images of fallen female soldiers flash across the screen as Emily Siefken, an artist and US Navy veteran, laments the cost of war on female soldiers. Jeremiah Barber performs physical feats, testing the strength of his body by manually sawing and rolling logs.

In Here/Not Here, a four-week performance art series, viewers experience live events and discover the art that is left and what remains. Weekly performances begin on Tuesday with a performance at 7pm. The first week July 3-8 live performances in the galleries are July 4 1-4pm and July 5-8 from 1-4pm. Live performances in the evening are July 3 at 7pm and July 4 at 8:30pm.

US Navy veteran Emily Siefken performs Tomb of the Unknown to honor the life and death of female military casualties from the Iraq war. For the evening performance on Independence Day, on July 4<sup>th</sup> Emily Siefken is on the large plinth on the front of the MCA building, marching the ceremonial walk enacted at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. Images of female military casualties are projected behind her while the artist narrates brief biographies of the women.

Every Tuesday evening through September 25, visitors are invited to the MCA for the live jazz series, Tuesdays on the Terrace. The free series is hosted by local radio personalities and features some of Chicago's hottest jazz musicians. The event is 5:30-8pm and offers gourmet-outdoor dining catered by Puck on the terrace and in the sculptured garden. Dinner reservations are recommended. Call 312-397-4034.

July artists include July 10 Crosswind, hosted by Marsha Noble, July 17 Fred Lonberg-Holm Valentine Trio hosted by Al Carter Bay, July 24 Andre Earles Quartet hosted by Bay and on July 31 Diane 'Lil Sax' Ellis and the Jazzy Ladies hosted by Bay.

On Tuesday the MCA host the Chicago Farmer's Market until October 30 on the plaza from 9am to 6pm. On Target Free Tuesdays, the MCA is open late, providing visitors with an opportunity to view the latest exhibitions. There is a free public tour at 6pm every Tuesday.

## OCS Planned trips

Plan to join the group at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W 97<sup>th</sup> St for two 1-day trips. Starved Rock is Thursday, August 30 departing at 8:15am and with an approximate return at 5:15pm. Tickets are \$70 and it includes round trip motor-coach transportation, a visit to Illinois Waterway Center, a narrated guided tour aboard Starved Rock Trolley, lunch at Starved Rock Lodge and a boat ride on the Illinois River.

Go to Shipshewana on Tuesday, September 25 departing at 7:15am and an approximate return at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$68 and it includes round-trip motor-coach transportation, the Riegsecker's Marketplace for handicraft art and collectibles, a family-style lunch at Bluegate Restaurant and shopping at the outdoor flea market.

Tickets are available in room 107, Community Center. For information call 708-422-8776.

## Mt Greenwood Garden Club news

Come join us for a walk through the secret gardens of Mount Greenwood. The garden walk will start at 10444 S Christiana, Chicago on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am-3pm. Tickets are \$8 and available the day of the walk or at UnReal Florist, 3514 W 111<sup>th</sup> St. UnReal is the sponsor.

Mount Greenwood Garden Club meets

Thursday, July 12 at 6:30pm at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S Kedzie. The speaker is Nancy Lynn Burgess and the topic is Pioneer Women Know Everything about Garden Flowers.

They knew their medicine uses, and why they chose the plants they chose for their garden and the passes their knowledge to the next generation. Come explore the history of the kitchen garden, the prairie and the home garden. Fee is \$2 for nonmembers.

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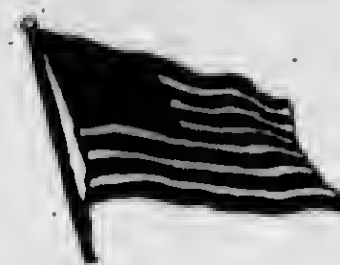
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Kevin Rehder, New Vice President of Clinical Services, Little Company of Mary Hospital

## Little Company of Mary welcomes new Vice President of Clinical Services

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is pleased to announce the promotion of Kevin Rehder, Pharm.D., of Plainfield, Ill., to Vice President of Clinical Services. Rehder was previously Assistant Vice President of Clinical Services.

Rehder has grown his leadership skills at Little Company of Mary for the past 20 years. He joined the organization as a Pharmacy Technician in 1983; Clinical Pharmacist in 1990; Pharmacy Manager in 1998; Pharmacy Director and Patient Safety Officer in 2001; Director of Pharmacy and Laboratory Services/Patient Safety Officer 2003; and Assistant Vice President of Clinical Services in 2006.

Some of Rehder's most notable achievements include coordinating the implementation of the hospital's pneumatic tube system. This improvement reduced travel time of 86 percent for clinical employees. He also oversaw the installation of automatic medication dispensing stations, which produced highly efficient medication use process resulting in staffing ef-

fectiveness and reduction in medication turnaround time.

His cost-saving measures and leadership have helped Little Company of Mary remain financially strong and at the forefront of patient safety. In 2003, Rehder was awarded Modern Healthcare's "Up & Comer Award" for his leadership in the organization and described as "a leader who is making a difference in health care."

Rehder received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy in Chicago. He recently served on the Baxter Customer Service Advisory Board and currently is a member of the Chicago State University Advisory Board for the College of Pharmacy.

Rehder says his goals in his new role would be to grow current service lines in the clinical services division and create new growth in alignment with Little Company of Mary's strategic plan.

Rehder currently resides in Plainfield, Ill., and enjoys spending his time away from work participating in extracurricular activities with his wife and two children.

## Community Exhibits at Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is hosting three exhibits featuring the creativity of local hobbyists during the month of July 2007.

In the first floor lobby display case, the Waterfall Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America will exhibit a collection of embroidered pieces with a patriotic theme. Frank Markiewicz of Oak Lawn will display handmade objects fashioned from sheet metal, including birdhouses, boots, baskets and lanterns.

## Mix use development planned for Evergreen Park

by Matt Mayer

Doug Porter, presented an artist rendering of the Ronald McDonald house, at the July 2, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. The project is slated to be constructed across from Hope children's hospital on the Oak Lawn high school property. The village has been a strong supporter of the project.

Other heights; The board approved a police department request to sell six low mileage Ford Crown Victorias, which are on display in the police department parking lot. A public works request to except a bid for \$170,000 to pave nine commercial alleys was also approved.

A special meeting will also be announced, regarding the review of the late night liquor license ordinance. This meeting is to address disruptions, which have been on going in the vicinity of 95 and Lawndale Ave. Also outside of the entrance of the council chambers there is also an artist rendering of a three-story retail and condominium development. Which is slated to be developed at the former Fox Collision site at 9600 S. Pulaski Road. The business closed last year and has remained vacant, the mix use development is also slated to include a restaurant. Demolition of the building which resides on a 30,780 square foot parcel may begin this month.

In the second floor art gallery, a collection of photographs taken by Oak Lawn resident Ginger Pender will join the artwork already on display in this new exhibit space.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at their reception desk. For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Community Information Centers

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., maintains several community information centers offering local groups and organizations an opportunity to display or distribute posters, flyers, brochures, newsletters and other publications.

Those interested in placement should leave their material at the library's Reception Booth or the mail items to: Oak Lawn Public Library, Attn: Public Relations Office, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

All material must be pre-approved by the Public Relations Office. Items are posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference is given to local organizations and events. Material posted or left in the public area without approval will be discarded.

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For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Golf Classic to be held at Silver Lake Country Club Aug. 7

Annual fund-raiser starts a tee off with Saint Xavier University at the 11th annual Golf Classic at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. The outing raises money for student scholarships. Last year's event raised more than \$75,000.

Dan Hampton, a member of one of the most fearsome defenses in NFL history and a favorite former Chicago Bear, will participate and golf with some of the guests at the outing.

Registration for individual golfers is \$300, which includes green fee and cart, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased at a cost of one for \$25 or five for \$100. A variety of exceptional raffle prizes will be awarded, and this year a live auction of items will be offered to support the SXU Scholarship Fund. Winners need not be present at time of the raffle drawing.

Henry Bros. Co. is the presenting sponsor of the golf outing. Other major sponsors include Tuiman Enterprises, Inc.; Kinsella Landscape, Inc.; Linear Electric, Inc.; Ozinga Brothers Inc.; and American Airlines.

The 2007 Golf Classic Committee is chaired by William H. Callaghan, Jr., and George W. Ferrell. Honorary co-chairs are Thomas J. Nessinger, a former SXU board chairman and a life trustee; and current Trustee Kenneth A. Skopec. The Golf Classic Committee includes SXU trustees, friends of the University, and alumni, including Brian Badke '03; Thomas E. Chomicz (Board Chair); Daniel K. Curley (Trustee); Jose L. Garcia '91; the Honorable Rosemary Grant-Higgins '75; William Keyser (Trustee); Mary Clare Loftus '65; Laura Shallow '78, '86, '03; Nick Urso '99; and Thomas F. Wogan '83.

Located at 147th Street and 82nd Avenue in Orland Park, Silver Lake Country Club is one of the finest golfing facilities in the Chicagoland area, with more than 300 acres devoted to golf, including two championship 18-hole courses and one 9-hole executive course, providing challenges to golfers of all skill levels.

To make a reservation or find out more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Saint Xavier University's Office of Special Events at (773) 298-3311 or [speialevents@sxu.edu](mailto:speialevents@sxu.edu).

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846, Saint Xavier University was the first Mercy college in the United States and is Chicago's oldest Catholic university. Serving approximately 5,700 students at its campuses in Chicago, Orland Park and its Loop location, the University offers 35 undergraduate majors; more than 40 graduate program options in arts and sciences, business, education and nursing; and a variety of program options in continuing and professional studies.

Recognizing Saint Xavier's excellence in education, U.S. News and World Report has ranked SXU consistently among the Best Colleges in the Midwest.





## HOG's for Hope raising money

The Oak Lawn Harley Owners Group Chapter #1068 or H.O.G.®, based out of the Oak Lawn Harley-Davidson® Dealer of Oak Lawn, Illinois, is presenting its 5th Annual "HOG's for HOPE" Fundraiser. The Event will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> and will take place at CC's Grove Inn at 8258 S. Kean Ave., Willow Springs, IL. The entry cost of the event is \$15.00 at the door per individual.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the beneficiaries of the fundraiser are Advocate Hope Children's HOPE Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois along with several other local charities. (Oak Lawn Harley-Davidson® and OL H.O.G.® Chapter have raised close to a million dollars for local charities as well as MDA and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and The Avon Breast Cancer Walk and The MS Society. They have been long time supporters of Park Lawn's Big Bikes Big Hearts Charity Motorcycle Run, Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade, 911 Run, Freedom Run, Big Bikes Helping Little Tikes, Hope Childrens Hospital, Manteno Vets Ride, POPS, Misericordia and Seratoma, as well as benefits for individuals in the Harley® family).

This year, Advocate Hope Children's Hospital is working in conjunction with the Ronald McDonald House® as a new Ronald McDonald House® is being constructed near the Hospital. The Fundraising proceeds donated to Advocate Hope Hospital will go toward the Ronald McDonald House®.

The Fundraiser has been a positive reflection of Motorcycle enthusiast's working within the community to benefit those in need. Many people volunteer for the event with gathering donations for raffles, party supplies, ticket and T-Shirt sales, entertainment and most of all, Time.

This year's prizes include a first prize of a 2007 Harley-Davidson® Motorcycle donated by The Owners of Oak Lawn Harley-Davidson®. Second prize is a cash award of \$500.00 and third prize is \$250.00. The Drawing is to be held on July 28, 2007 at CC's Grove Inn, Willow Springs, IL. Winners need not be present.

The Event begins at 3:00 PM. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5.00/each at the Oak Lawn Harley-Davidson® dealership located at 11040 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL or on the day of the event at CC's Grove. The Oak Lawn Hog Chapter will again have a ride to Hope Children's Hospital, leaving Oak Lawn Harley Davidson at 9:45AM. Once at the hospital you can take a tour and visit with the children. Again, the entry cost of the event is \$15.00 at the door per individual. There will be raffles, Giveaways, 50/50 drawings, Entertainment, food and drink.

## Military News

Air Force Col. Steven J. Waszak has retired from the U.S. Air Force after 28 years of military service. In recognition of his military service, Waszak was decorated with the Defense Superior Service Medal at his retirement ceremony. The medal is awarded to individuals for noncombat meritorious achievement or service that is incontestably exceptional and of a magnitude that clearly places them above their peers.

Col. Waszak's wife is Marta. He is the brother of Brian Waszak of Calumet Park, IL; Jeffrey Waszak of Tinley Park, IL; Terrence B. Waszak, Arlington Heights, Ill.; and Kevin R. Waszak of Rochester Hills, Mich.

In 1975, he graduated from D.D. Eisenhower High School, Blue Island, and received a bachelor's degree in 1979 from Illinois State University, Normal

## Lipinski Votes to start redeployment of Troops from Iraq

Congressman Lipinski voted for and helped pass H.R. 2956, the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act, which would require U.S. troops to begin a safe and orderly redeployment from Iraq within 120 days of the legislation's enactment. This bill requires that by April 1, 2008, all American troops are withdrawn from Iraq except for a minimum number needed to protect U.S. diplomatic facilities, pursue al-Qaeda, and train Iraqi security forces. By January 31, 2008, the president would have to justify the need for these troops to stay in Iraq and specify the precise mission and cost.

H.R. 2956 passed the House by a largely partisan vote of 223-201, and the President has promised to veto this legislation should it reach his desk.

"America's Iraq policy must change and we must begin bringing our troops home," said Lipinski. "But while today's legislation sends a strong message, if we are to truly get the President to change his Iraq policy we must have bipartisan support. That is why Congress must pass H.R. 2574, a bill I helped introduce which institutes the bipartisan recommendations of the Iraq Study Group. This bill has already garnered nearly 60 cosponsors, including more than 30 Republicans, and offers the only bipartisan plan for changing the course in Iraq and bringing our troops home."

Among other things, H.R. 2574 would require the Iraqi government to meet real benchmarks in governance and reconciliation in order to receive continued U.S. economic and military support. This bill would also require the president to report back to Congress frequently and provide candid assessments of the situation on the ground in Iraq. Furthermore, this bill would shift U.S. military forces from a combat mission to training, equipping, and advising the Iraqi military and security forces. Finally, this bill would set a goal for a

redeployment of most troops by April 1, 2008.

"The Iraq Study Group provided thoughtful recommendations on how we can move toward successfully concluding the war and bringing our troops home, and we should start implementing those immediately," said Lipinski. "This bill provides the best chance to bring stability to Iraq while taking our troops out of harm's way."

The Iraq Study Group was created in March 2006 at the request of a bipartisan group of members of Congress and was co-chaired by former Secretary of State James Baker and former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Lee Hamilton. In December 2006, the ISG released its recommendations and outlined a bipartisan approach to bringing a responsible conclusion to the Iraq war.

### Editor's Comment Regarding the Demise of a Neighborhood!

My comment to this tragedy is that many neighborhoods have random shootings. Our neighborhoods are not safe anymore.

My husband and I lived in Scottsdale, 80th and Kilbourn for 8 years in the 60's. It was just as bad in the all white neighborhood, where hundreds of white gangland boys and girls were using drugs and carrying guns and concerned individuals had to stop their presence.

Our Scottsdale Association informed the police that we wanted to take action. We developed the first Neighborhood Watch with a walky talky communication system and patrolled our neighborhoods daily. At the first report of youths gathering in numbers, we could call the police and they would respond. It took a year to get back the neighborhood. There is something you can do, initiate it and do it!

## The Demise of a Neighborhood

By Sylvia Wiley  
Rockingham

Sunday July 15, 2007

Tonight I sat in total devastation as I watch my friends and their children being placed in Chicago Fire Department ambulance. Seven to be exact 4 children 3 adults were all injured in what seems to be a questionable gang event in a non gang neighborhood.

What causes the quiet Scottsdale neighborhood to be the center of Chicago police and Chicago Fire department attention tonight?

Well what I do know a young De LaSalle high boy from the Scottsdale area was attacked and beaten to near death by a group of African American boys that do not live in the area. When the beating was discovered by friends and parents from Scottsdale Park they ran to attend to the quiet high school boy. Multiple phone calls were made after the incident with no response from the Chicago Police. While friends and parents were attending to the injured unconscious boy, a black car creeps down the street without lights and without warning. The car drove full speed. Plowing downed the Good Samaritans while they were attempting to assist the young boy. Without warning 3 more young boys went down, and 3 adults. Why did this happen? Why were 3 cars full of African American boys cruising Durkin Park and chasing the boys from the neighborhood. Why did a young man not old enough to drive a car plow a car into a group on

innocent Good Samaritans.

Scottsdale Park Neighborhood is one of the few communities where families still attend the same church St. Bede the Venerable Church 95 % of all the children attend St. Bede Day school, St. Laurence High School, St. Rita and Queen of Peace high School. The average family works for the City of Chicago in some public service position, the kids play baseball, basketball, football and volleyball. The parents are an active participant in all of the kid's lives and activities. So why did this happen?

The speculation ran high tonight, what made a group of African American boys come into this normally quiet neighborhood and cause this major catastrophe? It is very sad when our children cannot play in their park because of fear from outside visitors. Will this cause a mass exit from the neighborhood? As I looked at the devastation and the tears from my friends, people I consider family I felt embarrassment and shame. Why? Because I am an African American, a mother, a nurse, a teacher and a catholic trying to raise my son in an environment where people just get along. My tears ran long tonight because I could not understand why this had to happen. My thanks went to god because my son for the first time was not with his friends. My prayers have gone to all of by Scottsdale friends and family. I need to know why this neighborhood has taken a turn for the worst. Why are people coming in and trying so very hard to destroy a wonderful neighborhood?

The incident tonight is only the beginning of a trend, young African American men, using guns and gangs to terrorize and abuse a neighborhood. Do we know why these young men chose to beat one young boy to near death? Do we know why another young man chose to run a large group of people down with a car?

What I do know for sure, this cannot continue to happen. People should not be afraid to live in their neighborhood. People should understand our children are sacred.

The Scottsdale Park neighborhood, stand very strong and close. We want answers. What will it take for the violence to stop?

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## Local students named at Drake University honor roll

The following local students were listed in Drake University's press release. Kerstin Looney of Evergreen Park III. was named to the President's List. She achieved the academic honor by earning a straight A grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 during the 2007 spring semester at Drake University. Katherine Nowicki of Evergreen Park was named to the Dean's List at Drake. She earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the spring semester 2007 at drank.

Also listed on the Dean List are Taylor Post of New Lenox, Il and Gregory Miller of Oak Lawn, Il.

Michael Kozar from Orland Park, Il, Kara O'Donnell from South Holland, Il, Justine Lepore from Steger, Il, Todd Kleina from Tinley Park and Jennifer Najdich from Tinley Park round out local students.

## No More Car Sickness

(NAPSA)-As any parent can tell you, a family road trip usually involves one or more kids saying, "Are we there yet?" or "Can we stop? I feel sick."

While you may have to find a good answer for the first question, a new wristband may provide the answer to preventing the second.

The FDA has approved an acupressure wristband from Sea-Band for the relief of nausea that is a drug-free solution for travel sickness. No drugs means there are none of the side effects associated with anti-nausea products, such as drowsiness.

The knitted, elasticized wristbands apply pressure on the acupressure point of each wrist. Clinically tested and reusable, the bands work immediately and can be worn at the onset of nausea.

In kid-friendly colors of orange, green and yellow, the bands are packed in an easily accessible small plastic case and are available in major drug-stores. For more information, visit [www.sea-band.com](http://www.sea-band.com).

## Did You Know!



(NAPSA)-You should apply sunscreen 20 minute before exposure. If cream sunscreens feel too heavy, try a gel or spray, such as PreSun Gel, which has a light feel, or PreSun Spray, which is light and quick to apply. For more information, visit [www.presun.com](http://www.presun.com).

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Two-thirds of men report that they "pick people up" at tailgate parties, according to a survey by the Aluminum Can Council. You can find tongue-in-cheek suggestions for getting out of a bad date using the Canned Excuse Engine at [www.thecanfan.com](http://www.thecanfan.com).

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## BOOKS WORTH READING

Book Offers New Marriage Insights

(NAPSA)-Everyone knows that U.S. marriages have a tragic 50 percent failure rate. And second marriages are nearly an exercise in futility, failing a staggering 60 percent of the time. However, a new book has improving these sad statistics squarely in its sights.



Tomi Tuel, a self-proclaimed Divorce Warrior, has penned "101 Things I Learned After My Divorce," a heartfelt and funny field guide to divorce recovery. In a moving and light-hearted journey, the book shares universal truths about the emotional process of divorce-and the stages along the road to renewal. In "101 Things," Tuel shares her insights and real-world experience to help readers grapple with their own reality while providing an oft-needed humorous diversion from the emotional chaos of shattered relationships.

John Gray, Ph.D., author of the best-seller "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus," says succinctly that Tomi's book is "charmingly uplifting, insightful, and funny."

"Tomi takes a positive, upbeat and constructive approach to a subject that touches us all," adds Stephen Lundin, author of "Top Performer" and the four "FISH!" books.

For most, seeing the warning signs of divorce isn't enough; Tuel helps readers see how they may have contributed to their own relationship woes and offers tools (from the "Tuelbox" at the end of each chapter) to help avoid, self-diagnose and even cure problems.

Tomi, who says, "There are no completely innocent spouses," is fearless in her approach, addressing such topics as postdivorce dating, getting from despair to indifference, and achieving the ideal divorce.

"101 Things" is a remarkable resource to help those in pain find perspective and realize there is life after divorce. As her book recounts, Tomi found peace

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after her divorce and is now a frequent speaker on divorce recovery. She has remarried and lives with her husband and two children in Sacramento, California. "101 Things I Learned After My Divorce" is a must-read for anyone facing divorce, or for an interested bystander who wants to better understand the tribulations of a Divorce Warrior.

For more details or to order the book, visit [www.tomituel.com](http://www.tomituel.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

## A Sweet History

(NAPSA)-One of America's favorite desserts was once found at the doctor's rather than the dinner table.

Rice pudding originated in the Middle East and gained popularity in Europe. Rice pudding with goat's milk was used by the ancient Romans for medicinal purposes. And today, one pudding company still serves a rice pudding as rich in history as it is a great-tasting dessert.

Then: The company's story began in the 1960s, when a man delivering bread discovered a unique mom-and-pop store-the "Cozy Shack." The store sold rice pudding that he

brought to customers on his route. It was so well received that he bought the recipe and started the Kozy Shack company.

Now: The company, currently celebrating its 40th anniversary, still delivers old-fashioned rice pudding as well as other pudding flavors and flan desserts. The puddings are still slow cooked in kettles using fresh milk and all-natural ingredients and sold in the refrigerated dairy case.

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Rice pudding was once thought to have medicinal value.

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## Stay Cool And Keep Costs Under Control

(NAPSA)-You don't have to let the threat of high utility bills keep you from maintaining a comfortable climate in your home. Energy experts suggest these tips to help keep your energy costs and temperature from rising during warm weather-not to mention, helping you keep your cool.

Create an indoor "wind chill" effect. Installing and using a ceiling fan can reduce air-conditioning costs by circulating the air and making that room seem much cooler.

Keep your cool in the kitchen. During the height of the cooling season, light up your outdoor grill or cook with a microwave as much as possible. The oven just makes your temperature-and bill-rise.

Do laundry and dishwashing in the early morning or late evening. Not only is it cooler at those times, but you'll save on your electric bill by running these energy-intensive appliances during off-peak hours.

Put your cooling system on a schedule. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically coordinate your home's climate with your daily patterns, increasing comfort and reducing energy waste. And you won't have to worry about coming home to a sweltering house on those hot days.

Don't "cool the neighborhood." You can avoid air leaks by weather-stripping doors and windows, caulking

cracks in outside walls and foundation, and closing the fireplace damper when not in use.

Rearrange your furniture. Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your air-conditioning thermostat. These appliances create heat that the thermostat can sense, causing the air conditioner to run longer than necessary. And while you're at it, make sure you don't have any furniture blocking vents.

Go ahead and vent...your attic. On hot days, attic temperatures can easily reach 110 to 115° F. Install an attic fan to draw heat out of your home during the day and to draw in cool air at night when the air-conditioning is off. Also do a quick check to make sure there are no leaves or bird nests caught in the vents.

Make sure you're on a good rate plan. Many states allow you to shop around for your natural gas and electricity provider. Check to see who offers the best plans and whether any companies will let you lock in a rate to protect against future spikes.

For more information on how to control energy costs, visit [www.mxenergy.com](http://www.mxenergy.com).

## Important Tips For Recognizing Pet Poisoning

(NAPSA)-Virtually every pet owner knows not to feed a dog chocolate or that ingesting lilies can be fatal to a cat, but there are many other hazards in your home

that can be equally dangerous.

In fact, as the recent pet food poisoning tragedy has taught us, your pets can be poisoned no matter how careful you are with them or if they never leave the house. Veterinary Pet Insurance, for example, received nearly 1,000 claims last year alone for dogs suffering from drug reactions and toxicity, ranking in the top 100 types of claims submitted.

In order to be prepared for such an accident, it is important to know the signs of poisoning in your pet. As with many illnesses, a change in normal behavior is the No. 1 sign that something is wrong. Does your pet appear drowsy or uncomfortable? Is your pet experiencing vomiting, diarrhea or excessive urination? It can be as subtle as a change in breathing.

"It is critical that people pay very close attention to their pet's normal routines and daily patterns, so that they will notice if there is a change in that behavior," explains Dr. Carol McConnell, a veterinarian and chief medical officer at Veterinary Pet Insurance. "If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, immediately take your pet to the veterinarian."

Here is a list of other signs that your pet may have been poisoned:

- \* Unusual salivation or drooling
- \* Strange odors on the breath or skin
- \* Unsteady walk or movements, including tremors
- \* Disorientation or overreaction to light and

sound

\* Changes in gum color to blue or pale or bright red, or burn marks on the gum.

In addition to the emotional toll poisoning can have on pet owners, there is a financial impact-treatment can be expensive. Fortunately, a pet health insurance plan can provide coverage for illnesses caused by ingestion of toxic substances, including consumption of contaminated pet food that causes illness. As with any insurance, your pet must be covered by a health insurance policy before any accident or illness occurs.

Being fiscally prepared for any catastrophic accident or illness that might be inflicted on your furry family member is just as important as annual visits to the veterinarian.

With VPI Pet Insurance, for example, medical plans that provide year-round coverage for dogs, cats, birds and pocket pets such as hamsters can start at less than \$25 a month for dogs and cats and under \$10 monthly for pets such as reptiles. Coverage spans from accidents to illnesses and helps pay for diagnostic tests, treatments, office visits, lab fees, prescriptions, hospitalization, X-rays and surgical procedures.

Unlike your health insurance, pet insurance doesn't restrict you to certain providers or networks. For example, VPI encourages pet owners to visit their favorite licensed veterinarian, whether within the U.S. or other countries. When your pet is ill or requires emergency treatment, you won't

want the additional stress of worrying about which veterinarian you can visit. After each veterinary visit, a policyholder simply pays for the veterinary services received, submits a claim form to the company and then the pet owner is reimbursed based on the policy's benefit schedule.

For additional information on pet poisoning, including a list of common toxic plants and other household items, as well as what you should do if you suspect your pet has been poisoned, visit [petinsurance.com](http://petinsurance.com). To learn more about health insurance for your pet, call 866-838-3461.

## Supplementing Your Protection From The Sun

(NAPSA)-New research may shed some light on how a nutritional supplement can help skin defend itself from the sun. The early indications are that the protection is an "inside job"-and that can be good news for the estimated 45 million Americans with sun-sensitive skin.

In addition to sunscreen, protective clothing and staying indoors when the sun is most intense, studies have shown that people taking a dietary supplement ingredient that triggers the body's own antioxidant production may result in better tolerance to sun exposure. This was especially true for people who are highly sun sensitive.

Exposure to UV radiation causes oxidative stress, and it doesn't just cause the skin to burn-it triggers stress in the cells that can damage DNA and cell health. In some folks,

this stress can cause a significant reaction such as flushing, irritation, itching and rashes. In the case of sun exposure and UV radiation, the healthier and more effective your own antioxidant system is, the more the skin protects itself.

In a French study of 150 participants, including those with sun allergies, 86 percent experienced significant relief when taking 500 mg of GliSODin daily over a period of 60 days. The participants began taking GliSODin 15 days before sun contact and continued the supplementation throughout their exposure to UV rays.

Another recent study published in the European Journal of Dermatology showed that people with skin that is particularly sensitive to sun exposure were better able to tolerate sun exposure and their skin recovered faster from UV ray-induced redness when taking GliSODin.

GliSODin is a patented nutritional supplement providing an orally available form of Superoxide dismutase (SOD), an enzyme with powerful antioxidant properties that is produced by most cells of the body. SOD protects cells from excessive oxygen radicals and free radicals that cause premature aging and cell death. However, as we age, our natural production of SOD diminishes.

Supplementation of SOD was not possible until scientists discovered how to keep it from being broken down in the stomach before it was absorbed. GliSODin is now available in supplement products from many companies. Visit

[www.glisodininfo.com](http://www.glisodininfo.com) for more information about the research behind sun protection.



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## Pooling Information About Energy-Efficient Pumps

(NAPSA) - More homeowners are choosing to install pools to cool off on those hot summer days. While many owners spend a lot of time focusing on the size, shape and style of pool that works best for them, they tend not to spend as much time researching what type of pool pumps will cause the least drain on their energy bills.

Finding the right energy-efficient pump can make a huge difference. In California, it takes the equivalent of the entire output of a nuclear power plant just to run the state's public and private pools for a year.

Thus, America's 5 million in-ground pool owners are hit with a double whammy: Electric rates are going up nationwide, plus the increasing demand for electricity is taxing the country's existing energy infrastructure, leading to a greater possibility of blackouts and widespread power failures.

Often, pool pumps are a big culprit, as old technology and old usage practices are both energy intensive. Since electric bills aren't itemized, consumers may not realize just how much power the pump uses: more electricity than all other appliances combined. In fact, running the pool pump alone can often cost more than \$100 per month.

The vast majority of pool pumps operate at just one or two factory-set, unchangeable speeds and use energy-inefficient induction motors. This traditional pump design

almost always ends up overpowering most pool operations and using far more energy than needed.

Fortunately, new variable-speed pump technology is capable of reducing energy consumption by a minimum of 30 percent, and all the way up to 90 percent. New IntelliFlo(r) pumps from Pentair Water Pool and Spa feature permanent magnet motors (used in hybrid cars) that deliver a 30 percent base savings. Next, the ability to custom program optimum operating speeds for different functions-filtering, heating, cleaning, running spa jets and waterfalls-adds to these savings and, in total, can reduce costs by more than \$1,000 per year.

**Making a Quiet Splash**  
The key to pump efficiency is adjusting pump speed to the lowest needed to accomplish a specific task. It takes far less energy to move water slowly than quickly. It's like your car that gets far better gas mileage at 30 mph than 90 mph.

There are other benefits of pumping at lower speeds, too. Filters work better when water flows through them more slowly, as they are able to capture more dirt. Algae is less able to form when water circulates for longer periods. Plus, automatic chlorine generators are more effective as well.

Another plus with the new variable-speed pumps is their far quieter operation. According to Pentair, their IntelliFlo pumps are the quietest ever built and can barely be heard when operating at typical speeds.

For more information on variable-speed pumps, visit [www.pentairpool.com](http://www.pentairpool.com). Or check out the site's pump cost calculator to learn what your current pump is costing you and get an estimate on how much the new technology can save.



## Preserving Flavors From Near And Far

(NAPSA)-Creative cooks are finding that the most delicious jams and preserves mingle the flavors of locally grown fruit with exotic flavors from international markets.

For example, Raspberry Mango Preserves combine juicy local raspberries with fragrant mangoes from Mexico. Or blend sweet Michigan cherries with coconut from the South Pacific in Cherry Coconut Jam for a new taste. And Pineapple Carrot Marmalade features homegrown carrots with sweet Hawaiian pineapple. The ideas are endless with any flavors you enjoy.

No matter what the flavor, fresh preserving is easier than ever. New, improved no-cook fruit pectin from Ball helps you prepare jams and jellies in under 30 minutes. And stylish new Ball(r) Collection Elite(r) jars are so attractive, it's easy to share fresh preserves as gifts.

To get started, try this flavorful jam with fruits from near and far:

**Peach-Papaya Jam**  
2 1/2 cups diced, peeled and pitted peaches  
2 cups diced, peeled and seeded papaya  
5 1/2 cups sugar  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
2 pouches (3 ounces each) Ball(r) Liquid Pectin

Prepare Ball Collection Elite platinum fresh preserving jars and lids according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Lightly crush peaches and papaya. Combine with sugar and lemon juice in a large saucepot.

Bring mixture to a hard boil over medium-high heat. Stir in liquid pectin. Bring mixture to a rolling boil. Boil hard 1 minute. Remove from heat. Skim foam if necessary.

Carefully ladle hot jam into hot jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Wipe rim

and threads of jar with a clean, damp cloth. Place lid on jar with sealing compound next to glass. Screw band down until resistance is met, then increase to fingertip-tight.

Process 10 minutes in a boiling-water canner.

Yield: about six 8-ounce jars

For more recipes and tips, visit Ball's new Web site at [www.freshpreserving.com](http://www.freshpreserving.com).

## Exquisite And Hardy, Daylily Is A Proven Superstar

(NAPSA)-If daylilies have taken over your garden, you have lots of company. Once a part of the Lily family, they are now a genus of their own and popular with home gardeners across the nation. Exquisite and easy to grow, daylilies are most vivid and crisp looking in the morning.

This year's winner of the coveted All-American title is the Lavender Vista, which pairs profuse, clear lavender blooms with lush evergreen foliage. This combination creates harmony with pink,

lavender and purple companion plants. Most lavender daylilies require a trade-off between bloom beauty, foliage quality and performance. This variety encompasses all of these things. The blooms are 5-6" across with a green throat and rest upon 20-24" scapes. The vigorous, arching foliage is 16-22" tall and the masses of blooms are held just above these uniform mounds.

**Blooms 88 Days A Year**

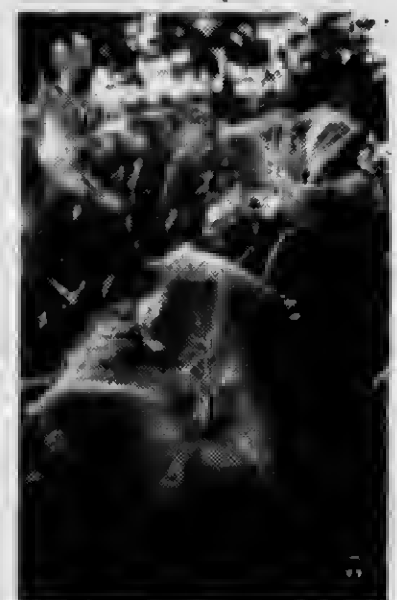
This spectacular variety blooms an average of 88 days per year, tolerates much more shade than most daylilies, and guarantees a stunning display on slopes, as a border or in containers. The title All-American Daylily is not just an award granted to the prettiest cultivar, but rather given only to those rare daylily varieties that have demonstrated superior performance in dozens of criteria across at least five USDA hardiness zones.

While daylilies love sun, they will also tolerate part shade. You may also wish to plant the darker-colored daylilies in filtered shade, particularly in the hot South, where the sun may tend to fade darker colors.

Black-Eyed Stella, the first to receive the All-American title in 1994, is best known for its landscape perfor-

mance as a nearly continuous bloomer. Two other winners, Lullaby Baby and Starstruck, were honored for their exquisite beauty. The 2006 winner, Buttered Popcorn, is a large, buttery-gold bloom that boasts nearly continuous blooming from mid-season to fall.

To learn more, visit [www.allamericandaylilies.com](http://www.allamericandaylilies.com).



Hardy and beautiful Lavender Vista, with its fragrant lavender blooms, won in the exhibition category.

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## Backpack Safety

(NAPSA)-On any given day, hikers, working adults and about 40 million teens carry backpacks. But load them up too heavily or wear ones that don't fit properly, doctors warn, and you could be risking injury.

"Backpacks weighing over 15 pounds that are slung over a shoulder produce an imbalance in the rib cage," explains Dr. Gerard W. Clum, D.C., of the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress. "This type of repetitive strain can also initiate arm and hand numbness, headaches or backaches."

Clum's group offers these tips:

- Avoid carrying more than 10 to 15 percent of your body weight.
- Distribute weight evenly.
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## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for July 17<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telefriend!

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: If you have a special plan, share it, especially if it comes to dealing with a family member.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is not a good time to be stingy with family. You will be rewarded for helps you give.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: You are not alone in thinking about making changes that deal with children.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: Perhaps your dependents were taking you for granted. Big changes are on the way.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You are a born "minister." A "collar or pulpit" is not necessary. People listen!

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are getting tired from trying to do so much for others who could help themselves...

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Read the above message also: Are you putting crutches under feet that can walk?

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: All of this week's predictions apply to you. Read them all. You find solutions.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: This is one of those weeks where you know what needs to be said, but be gentle.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

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The Worth Museum has many new trips this fall. A full schedule can be found on the website.

## Burbank Park District Dance Performs at Walt Disney World

The Burbank Park District Dancers became stars of their own Disney show on Monday June 18 when they took the stage at the Galaxy Palace Theater in Magic Kingdom Park. They traveled from Burbank, IL to the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida to take part in Disney Magic Music Days.

The dancers also sharpened their performance skills during a workshop taught by a professional Disney performer. During the workshop, the students learned techniques to insure success in the professional working world.

Dance groups from throughout the country apply to perform each year as part of Disney Magic Music Days. Once selected, ensembles are given the opportunity to perform at the resort for an international audience of theme park guests.



Disney Magic Music Days is part of Disney Performing Arts Programs, which offers band, choral, dance and auxiliary performers the opportunity to learn, perform and compete at the Walt Disney World Resort. For more information visit [www.DisneyPerformingArts.com](http://www.DisneyPerformingArts.com) or call 1-800-603-0552.

## Chicago Children's Choir Workshop at the Worth Park District

September 17th and 21st from 4-5:30pm at 11500 S. Beloit, 3 blocks West of Harlem Ave. This is a free program for any children interested in singing. Registration is preferred but is not required. During the workshop, the singers will learn the basic techniques of healthy singing in a choral setting through vocal warm-up exercises and musical selections. The singers will learn and perform a variety of songs from different genres of music. These genres will include classical, Native-American folk, multicultural, and pop/gospel music. As the singers practice these songs, they will learn about world cultures through music, how each culture influences the way their music is written and performed, and the authentic way each selection should be performed through vocal tone, native language, and dance movements while using the basic techniques of healthy singing. Singers will even learn to sing in a variety of languages including Latin, Xhosa (South Africa), Hebrew, and Spanish. Visit [www.ccchoir.org](http://www.ccchoir.org) for information.

## Palos Township and Palos Lions Club Sponsor Eye Screening

The Palos Township Health Service and Palos Lions Club will sponsor a free

of new blindness in the United States today. Early detection as a major factor in the prevention of visual loss. The screening may determine if you have retinal problem associated with macular degeneration. The screening will be help on

Wed., Aug. 8, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Palos Township offices at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

## About the American Cancer Society Relay For Life:

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the Society's signature fundraiser that brings together the entire community. The overnight event features teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups, friends and families who designate at least one member at a time to walk or run on a track throughout the night.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life helps fund cancer research and programs such as Patient Navigation Services, which provides seamless access to services and resources for cancer patients. Funds also support patient programs that provide free transportation to cancer treatments, match newly diagnosed patients with cancer survivors for support and help women going through chemotherapy focus on their inner and outer beauty.

Relay For Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt, a Tacoma, Wash., surgeon and an American Cancer Society volunteer, ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours, traveling a total of 81 miles and raising \$27,000.

Relay For Life is hosted in 22 countries outside the U.S. and has raised \$2.27 billion for cancer research, educational programs, advocacy and patient support services since 1985.

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## Art Camp Program in Bridgeview Offers Kids Creativity That Keeps Their Brains Active

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KidzArt, an art enrichment program for kids of all ages, lets children discover various artistic styles and techniques using a variety of mediums such as water colors, high quality art markers, colored pencils, chalk, charcoal and polymer clay. "Children love to express themselves through art," says Grant. "They enjoy experimenting with different art materials and really take pride in their original works," says Grant. KidzArt campers can participate in themed programs including "Wild Things" where they will create animal-inspired pieces and "Around the World" which lets students explore other countries and cultures through their art. For ages 6 thru 12 year olds.

The camp's use of age appropriate, safe, professional-

level art supplies, creative activities and focusing exercises can enhance learning and build skills that the children can use during the school year. "Our activities include communication, imagination and expression which keep the kids' brains in an active learning mode," says Grant.

For information on the KidzArt summer camp schedule offered in the Hobby Lobby Store in Bridgeview

## Dear Editor

### DEFICIT SPENDING THE NORM IN OAK LAWN?

The minutes from the May 8, 2007 BOT (Board of Trustee) meeting in Oak Lawn reads "Trustee Phelan discussed the Village's financials as it relates to our revenue, then our expenses. The expenses seem to be in line, but the revenue, if you project it out over a 12 month period, is sometimes not a good measure. The number that Trustee Phelan came up with, is we are looking at a \$1.75 million dollar shortfall in revenues by the year end at current pace." My question is are the revenues down and if so why are they down or were projections as to the amount of revenue erroneous and way too high? Are the 6 TIF areas underperforming? None of

the old 5 TIF's have been paid off. Research shows that areas grow better without TIF's and in my opinion, that does seem to be true looking at Oak Lawn. The 95th St. condos are being advertised going east from Ashland on 95th Street and therefore are being marketed vigorously, but are they selling? The residents voted against the TIF and yet the trustee put them in showing that the residents did know best. From what I hear, the Target and Home Depot are not bringing in the projected amount of revenue. Therefore, spending needs to be adjusted accordingly. Are those stores bringing in other problems? It appears to me that the way financial projections are made is overly optimistic and realistic for our economy.

Further, in my view, the spending is out of control. The spending for the 2007 budget projected a total of \$97.6 Million versus the 2006 budget for spending was \$88.1 Million. That is an increase of \$9.5 Million in one year and does not even take into account the \$1.75 million shortfall which if not corrected makes the increase of spending in one year to be \$11.25 million. What is the money being spent on? I do not think that this is wise management of our money. What do you think? Have our services improved or our life-style improved? Or are we being taxed more on water, garbage, etc.?

That \$1.75 million shortfall coupled with the \$3.7 million deficit approved for the 2007 budget equals \$5.45 Million deficit for the current year. We all know it takes money to run the village but this spend, spend, spend, and deficit spending seems preposterous to me. However, to cover the latest shortfall of \$1.75 Million, a special finance meeting was called to discuss the problem. The special meeting was held on May 15, 2007 in the conference room across from the Village Clerks office. The agenda stated that the Acting Village Manager Folliard and attorneys David Freeman, Robert Heyne, Barry Moss, Steven Bloomberg, Kathleen Elliott, would be present but there was no attorney or village manager was present. Perhaps Manager Folliard could not make the meeting but I thought that there was always one board attorney (out of the many listed) present at Board meetings as the agenda indicates and to make sure that all rules, laws, regulations, etc. are followed.

However, in that special finance meeting, it was stated that funds can be moved from one place in the budget to another place in the budget. I would like to see the paperwork tracking these transfers or is the budget rewritten to show that or is it done without paperwork? Is it done by email which is paperless and therefore not available by FOIA? FOIA rules state that no document need be made for FOIA requests. How do we as residents keep track of

funds being moved? Continuing. May Heilmann stated that he was very glad that this \$1.75 Million shortfall was found in May rather than in September so that they could address the problem early. The consensus was to email the department heads asking them what they can do without, but as one trustee stated, that is difficult for them as the cuts in their budgets are for our services. If the department heads cannot find enough dollar cuts, then the money will be cut from the budgets by the BOT. I guess that means sewer and all other public work services. I don't think that meant the summer entertainment on the Village Green or the parade, summer temporary help or that type of spending.

I cannot agree with the statement that the "expenses seem to be in line" for this administration is spending millions of dollars more than we have in revenue and then cutting services for us residents. In addition to that, temporary summer help has been hired. These jobs usually go to high school - college students but did you, your child or grandchild, etc. get such a cushy summer job? In my opinion, if all students cannot get this perk, then none should get them. What do you think?

Do you think that the answer to these problems will be to make new taxes or increase every tax that this administration can think of including property taxes using fear of more crime to say we need more police, etc.

If you agree with this spending, then the only thing to do is re-elect each of these village leaders to continue this pattern. Just my opinion. Beverly Ring

## St. Bernadette needs bakers

The combined churches of Evergreen Park are sponsoring a concert in Klein Park on Friday, August 3. St. Bernadette adult and children's choir will be participating. Each church will also be bringing goodies to share, and St. Bernadette will be having a St. Joseph's table with cookies and cakes and anything else sweet you can dream of.

If you would be willing to make a contribution, please drop your goodies off at the concert and stay awhile for

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Dear Editor:

I saw your paper, Village View, July 3, 2007, at the Crestwood Library and found it to be a helpful paper and will look for it in the future. Would you place this information in the B-MAC edition. SONFORCE KIDS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CALVARY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 5536 W 131st ST, Crestwood, IL July 23 - 27, 6:30PM - 8:30 PM Register at: calvaryvbs07.at.mylvs.com or call (708) 597-6122 or come early to register





## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

by Kathy Whirity

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### JOANN GALLAGHER - A CARING LADY

You never know where a conversation will lead. Such was the case when my friend, Cookie, and I were having dinner at a local restaurant. A group of ladies walked in, all carrying tote bags. We've seen them there before. They always sit at the long table in the middle of the dining area. They unload the contents of their totes - yam, knitting needles and crochet hooks. Watching them prompted me to share with Cookie that I am a crocheting junkie.

I may only know a few patterns but it hasn't stopped me from crocheting blankets for everyone I have ever known. When all my friends and loved ones were covered with 'Kathghans', a nick name a good friend has dubbed my creations, I needed a new project. After my dad was placed in a nursing home I felt bad for all the wheelchair bound patients sitting in the hallways that were dreary, drab and dull.

I began crocheting lap blankets for the residents that would serve two purposes. I made them in splashy, bold colors to brighten the hallways and to be a source of warmth and comfort for my dad's fragile, geriatric counterparts.

I have a back pack sitting in the front closet that contains a skein of yam and a crochet hook. You never know when you may need to unexpectedly spend time in a hospital waiting room, or when a spur of the moment road trip may spring up. In any case, I'm prepared to pass the time one stitch at a time.

I was sharing this confession of obsession with Cookie when she mentioned a friend of hers that lives right around the corner from me.

Her name is JoAnn Gallagher, founder of Caring Ladies Organization. JoAnn and her team of compassionate women knit and crochet tiny blankets and hats for preemies and sick, full term babies. JoAnn started the group after receiving a message from a woman who told her hospitals were in great need of homemade hats and blankets to keep preemies warm in their nurseries. With that thought constantly on her mind JoAnn started the Caring Ladies group. The first meeting took place July 26, 2006. As word about this worthy cause began to spread the membership began to grow, sprouting wings of the angel kind.

Today, JoAnn and her Caring Ladies hold their meetings at St. Barnabas convent on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. You do not have to attend meetings to be a Caring Lady. Many contributors, like myself, make their blankets and hats at home, at their leisure, and then either deliver them to JoAnn or arrange to have them picked up.

There are so many kind and generous women who donate their love and time to this project.

Though too many to mention my name, each Caring Lady includes her name to a card attached to each item made, explaining to the families that, with each and every stitch, prayers are said for blessings to be bestowed upon the baby who receives the hand made gift.

Because of this group's dedication deliveries have been made to Little Company of Mary hospital, Christ hospital, Holy Cross hospital, Rush University hospital, St. Francis hospital, Infant Welfare society and Birth Right of Chicago. Some items have also been used in the perinatal bereavement program. When little ones don't survive and heaven calls then home - these items are sometimes the only keepsakes grieving parents have of their child.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting JoAnn when I donated a batch of blankets. My fingers have been working overtime lately - happily creating mini 'Kathghans' for wee souls who will strive to survive. I am grateful to have met JoAnn. I am proud to be a part of the Caring Ladies organization. Whether you're a teen or a senior citizen, this group is made up of all ages. All you need is a caring heart and a desire to make a difference.

If you would like to be part of a loving cause, capable of filling your life with a sense of contentment, please contact JoAnn Gallagher - a very Caring Lady with a heart of pure gold.

JoAnn quotes a Bible passage that seems to sum up the commitment to this special cause. "She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands." Proverbs 31:13.

## WHY ARE THE POLAR ICE CAPS MELTING WHERE GREENHOUSE GASSES ARE THE THINNEST

Conducting interviews on the CO2/Greenhouse Gas/Global Warming Theory is the founder of EnvironmentalManiac.com Chris Slotten. Chris says that we have been told about and shown pictures of the polar icecaps melting.

We have been told that the Polar Bears are in danger and that low lying areas are going to flood. We have been told that there is an urgency that requires extreme actions.

This has all been offered as validation of the CO2/Greenhouse Gas/Global Warming Theory. A quick look at science. First, 95% of greenhouse gas is water vapor. CO2 makes up less than .05% of our atmosphere and man's contribution is less than .10% or .005% of the atmosphere. (That's a nickel up against a \$1,000 bill). The majority of all greenhouse gas, including CO2, comes from the oceans. Oceans make up 78% of the planet and populated area about 11%.

The oceans exhale greenhouse gas when they get hot and inhale when they cool. Second, all Greenhouse Gasses are in the Troposphere. The Troposphere extends from the Earth out about 12 miles at the equator and 4 miles at the poles during summer. The Troposphere at the poles during winter is indistinct. (Supports the "oceans exhale when they're hot" concept).

Why are the Polar icecaps melting where the greenhouse gasses are the thinnest? Are we missing something important? What has the thickness of the Troposphere been at the poles over the last 50 years? How does Troposphere thickness correlate with ocean temperature? Have there been any recorded annual temperatures trending higher that are

away from the oceans?

Where? Is there a pattern? (Summer temperatures trending higher without annual temperatures trending higher doesn't make sense to me either, unless the temperature connection is with the sun). Take a deep breath. The Earth is well within her standard deviation. During the Medieval Warm Period, 900 years ago, Greenland was green; vineyards grew north of London and all of Europe flourished. During the Mini Ice Age, 1300-1600 A.D., things were nasty. Glaciers wiped out entire villages.

Starvation was rampant. And, there is no scientific trending in temperature of radiant energy in Phoenix or Miami over the last 8 years. I looked. Atlas-MTS is "A Global leader in Weathering Testing & Equipment". Their web site has daily temperature and radiant energy readings since 2000 for Phoenix and Miami. Global Warming is happening. It may not even

be bad. We need to make sure that we don't create bigger environmental problems while attempting to solve this one.

The Compact Fluorescent Light may be an example. Most CFLs contain 5 mg of mercury, but that's a different topic. Just remember, we only have one Earth. She can not take abuse forever. Nor can we overlook the reason we want to save the Earth...Her occupants. About Chris Slotten: Chris Slotten is the Environmental Maniac and in 1972 while a senior at U.C. Irvine, when Greenhouse Gas/Global Cooling was the theory. Chris built a car to meet 1986 air pollution requirements.

In 1994 he created the best multi-family recycling program in California and earned the label "Recycling Maniac" from a Waste Management spokeswoman. Chris was the maintenance man for 241 condos. It made good business

sense that if he diverted 50% of the garbage through recycling, the complex would save 50% on their garbage bill. That was a \$25,000 a year savings. Recycling enough cardboard and newspaper to save 50,000 trees was a side effect.

Last month Chris reduced his air conditioning demand by 30%, yielding a return-on-investment of 20-30%, by applying radiant barrier products to his house. (That's a big number in Phoenix). If he helps a few million other homeowners save 20-40%, the country saves One Quadrillion BTUs of energy. (That's the equivalent of 17,000,000 barrels of oil). Yes, Chris does have solar-powered misters on his truck and a radiant barrier panel over the cab.

Yes, Chris has a "dual-pump", 5 stages, 250 PSI, remote controlled, 950,000 BTU backyard cooling system at his house.

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## CATS Choreography is spectacular

by Marijo Doody

Theater at the center in Munster is currently running Andrew Lloyd Weber's CATS through August 19. Director and choreographer by new director Stacey Flaster, has given the production new life with felines crawling through the audience and interacting with kids and adults.

"Any age group can enjoy this show," says actress Katherine Condit, who plays Grizabella. "It creates a fantasy world that is real to kids." Katherine played the roll in the Original Broadway Company and recording as well as in Vienna and Zurich. She received a Jeff Citation 2006.

Stacey Flaster is having a ball with the Jellicle Cats in this gargantuan show. She was in the production at Marriott's Lincolnshire with award-winning choreographer Marc Robin and she fell in love with the show and inspired her. She adapted some of Robin's staging with the Center's Stage in the round and audience in a semicircle.

Stacey Flaster placed the cats in an abandoned theater and made them all fit the stage. People are fascinated with movement, song and music and it's all done with the physicality of the cats.

"CATS" is taken from TS Elliot legendary "Old Possum book of Practical Cats" and they come alive and each character is unique. The adorable, irascible, arrogant and argumentative felines fill the stage at Theatre at the Center. The mystical, persuasive, self-reliant cats intrigue the human psyche.

"CATS" does have a story line. It is the day of the Jellicle Ball and all the cats are gearing up for it while also displaying their various personality traits. At the end the cat named Old Deuteronomy (Larry Adams) will select one of the cats to go up in the Heavside layer where he or she gets another chance for another life. This is a rebirth-redemption scene.

"CATS" famous song 'Memories' sends shivers down your body and you are quickly revived with the riveting dance settings. Characters played by Cara Salarno, Zach Zube, Ericka Mac, Bret Leigh, Meliaas Mulvaney and Scott Alan Jones in the dance were outstanding.

It is a brilliant show and people should come and bring the kids. Tickets are \$36-\$39. Phone 800-511-1552 for tickets. Theatre at the Center is located 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind.

## 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre Festival Presents

"Into The Woods" is an award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. When the show premiered on Broadway, it won several Tony awards including Best Actress in a Musical (Joanna Gleason as the Baker's Wife). The musical is inspired by Bruno Bettelheim's 1976 book, *The Uses of Enchantment*, the musical intertwines a collection of uncensored versions of 18<sup>th</sup> century Brothers Grimm fairy tales. An original story involving a baker and his wife's quest to begin a family ties together the stories of Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and Cinderella. Each character's wish for something that he or she does not have leads to complications. As the stories are unveiled each character learns valuable lessons and they all help slay the Giant who not only stalks the woods but also their lives.

The 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre production will be on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at the McAuley Theatre, 3737 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street. It is appropriate for audiences of all ages. Tickets are available for \$17 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens and \$12 for children under 10. Group rates are available for groups of 25 or more. Reservations and information about tickets is available by calling 773-881-6512.

The show is under the Direction of Patricia Haynes with Musical Direction by Patrick Mooney and Additional staging by Michael Gutrich and Marci Caliendo. The Scenic Design is by longtime 99<sup>th</sup> Street Summer Theatre Scenic Designer Don Haynes with lighting design by Lizz Wright and Colleen Thomas and Technical Direction by Donnarose Thomas. The show will be the final production of the season.

## Truth, death, love and sin blend at Steppenwolf

by Marijo Doody

August: Osage County by Tracy Letts is a proud moment in Steppenwolf Theatre. Letts is an ensemble member and created this wonderful work for the outstanding cast of Steppenwolf players. The play has 13 characters and is rigorous in thought, vigorous in language and brings to life the complex turmoil of Midwestern humor, wit and sorrow with intimate connections.

The play is staggeringly ambitious and one cannot help but think of O'Neil's "Long Day's Journey into Night." This is a major not-to-be-missed new American work by Letts on family life on the Plains of Oklahoma. It is a nurturing dysfunction of family life.

Actress Deanna Dunagan plays the caustic family matriarch in the Weston clan and it is the performance of a lifetime. She is a wife, mother, and a drug addict, crazy and insulting. Lets hope the Jeff Committee was in attendance.

The patriarch Beverly, (Dennis Letts), is an academic, poet and an alcoholic. He hires a Native American woman to care for he and his wife, but he disappears to kick the bucket. The three daughters, as well as, in-laws convene for the family activities.

Violet (Dunagan) presides over the three daughters, Barbara (Amy Morton), Karen (Mariann Mayberry) and Ivy (Sally Murphy) who have rushed home to find out why their father suddenly disappeared. Violet pops pills, tells lies and truths, and exploits her kids inadequate defenses and the brilliant acidic performance of Dunagan will be remembered for a long time.

It is like a Jerry Springer Show. There is infidelity, pedophilia, prejudice, lust, illness, and pot smoking. Tracy Letts; the playwright created lipsmacking roles especially for Steppenwolf ensemble members. Anna D. Shapiro the director has the actors so dazzling good it seems they were given form;

fit roles. Violet's brash sister Mattie Fae (Rondi Reed) gives a stellar performance.

The opening scene has Beverly talking and hiring Johnna (Kimberly Guerro) and he hands her a volume of Elliot's poetry. She needs it in the play.

The mix is toxic with suicide, addictions, adultery, divorce and incest laced with denial, guilt, blindness, jealousy, and moments of self-awareness. But blood knots are tighter than you might want to know, even if everyone is damaged. There are lots of laughs just to clear the air from time to time.

August: Osage County runs through August 26 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N Halsted. Tickets are \$20-\$65. The box office number is 312-335-1650.

## Dance Center showcases female choreographers

Mature American choreographers are the primary focus of The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago's 34<sup>th</sup> season. The 2007-2008 season includes companies of Margaret Jenkins, Karole Armitage, Jawole Zollar, Shirley Marshall and Merce Cunningham. There are some performances at Harris Theatre for Music and Dance in Millennium Park and others at The Dance Center, 1306 S Michigan.

Subscriptions and season tickets go on sale July 5 through the new Columbia ticket Center, 33 E Congress Parkway, Suite 610 at 312-344-6600.

The Dance Center's Family Dance Matinee Series continues for its ninth season and features special one-hour family-oriented performances preceded by free parent/child movement workshops with the artists.

Family Dance Matinees will be presented by Zephyr Dance (Oct 27), The Dance COLEctive (Feb 23-08), Urban Bush Women/Campagne JANT-BI (March 8-08) and Mordine & Company Dance Theater (March 15-08).

The Dance Center of Columbia College, Chicago, named 'Chicago's Best Dance Company by Chicago Magazine is the city's leading presenter of contemporary dance, showcasing artists of regional, national and international significance. For more information visit the web at [www.colum.edu/dancecenter](http://www.colum.edu/dancecenter).



## Young Artists at McAuley

This summer, several very talented young artists spend their afternoons with Mrs. Kathy Gordon Davis, Art Department Chairperson. The girls learned to draw, sculpt, paint and even decorated t-shirts with self portraits that they designed themselves. The junior high school students include Katie Susnis (Palm Beach, FL), Marlena Bagley (Oak Lawn), Bridget Boline (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Taylor Conrad (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Maggie O'Loughlin (Chg., Mt. Greenwood), Sarah Zwickl (Chg., West Beverly), and Hannah Gibbs (Evergreen Park).

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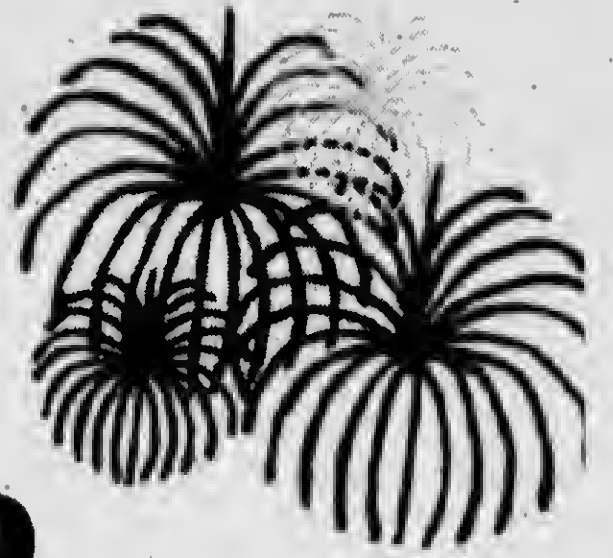
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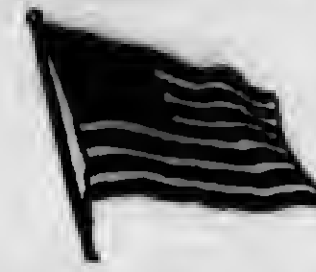
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## Father of Orland Park honored

by Matt Mayer

The village board at a recent Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. Approved plans for a sculpture of John Humphrey the "father of Orland Park". The sculpture is slated to be erected at the new 143rd Street Metra train station. Humphrey was a lawyer with an office in downtown Chicago. When the Wabash, St Louis and Pacific railroad laid tracks through the village, Humphrey purchased 12 acres of land to construct four homes. His house was the second one built and is still standing on its original site in old Orland at 9830 W. 144th Place. Humphrey was elected to the Illinois general assembly in 1870 and served until 1910.

He also was the first village president, and served from 1892 to 1901. Currently there is only one other structure within the village, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Twin Towers at 9967 W. 144th Place. The Orland Park Historical Society is located in the Humphrey house. And the house is open to the public, free of charge on the second Sunday of the month. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by visiting the Orland Historical society website at [www.orlandhistory.org](http://www.orlandhistory.org).

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## Obituary for Sister Turkowski, CSFN

Sister M. Roberta Turkowski, CSFN June 23, 1917 - July 7, 2007 (July 10, 2007 - Des Plaines, IL) - A native of Chicago's northwest side, Sr. M. Roberta Turkowski, CSFN, had roots in Chicago's Polish community, growing up in St. Stanislaus Kostka and St. Hyacinth parishes. She entered the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 1938 after working for the Baby Ruth Candy Co. in the city.

Sr. Roberta initially worked in housekeeping for the congregation, then taught kindergarten at St. Michael School on South Shore.

She trained as a nurse's aide and spent 25 years in that

role at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago before transferring to the Provincialate in Des Plaines.

On June 23, she celebrated her 90th birthday with her nephew and his family at her favorite restaurant, The White Eagle. She died Saturday, July 7, at her home in Nazarethville, Des Plaines. Services were held at the Provincialate in Des Plaines; interment was at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Holy Family Province, the new U.S. province of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, has some 400 sisters in Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Puerto Rico.

## FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Tinley Park-Park District presents the fourth concert of the summer series on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 pm featuring Rock of Ages. Tinley Park drummer Patrick Doody and his band cover the greatest hits from the last three decades.

You'll enjoy songs like Jack & Diane, Time for Me to Fly, You May Be Right and many more. The concert will be held at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center Bandshell, 8125 W. 171st Street (the concert will be held indoors in case of rain).

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come out to enjoy a concert under the stars. FREE!

## ABOUT THE TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT

The Tinley Park-Park District maintains over 400 acres of park lands and recreation facilities including its state of the art Bettenhausen Recreation Center, a full-service Fitness Center, and over 39 community park locations.

The Tinley Park-Park District was established in 1967.

## PIT STOP SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER

The Pit Stop Senior Drop-In Center at the Tinley Park-Park District is looking for new members. The Pit Stop offers opportunities for meeting new people, enjoying arts and crafts projects, seminars, holiday parties, Bridge, cards and much more!

The Pit Stop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm and is located inside the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. Membership for district residents is just \$10 per year, and \$15 per year for non-residents. The club is open to adults age 60 and over.

For more information, contact the Park District at 708/342-4200 or "drop-in" and see what we have to offer.

## ARTS ALIVE!

The arts are alive in Tinley Park! The Tinley Park-Park District sponsors many activities through its Arts Alive! cultural program. Come join the Community Band, Community Chorale, Youth Singers, Writers and Poets Group, Jazz Band or Tinley Park Community Theater.

In addition, various classes are offered at the Vogt Visual Arts Center in drawing, oil painting, illustration, stained glass and many more.

Information on the various Arts Alive! activities are available at [www.tinleyparkdistrict.org](http://www.tinleyparkdistrict.org) or by contacting the Park District at 708/342-4200.



Former Longtime Orland Park Residents Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Former longtime Orland Park residents Barbara and Gerald Klotz, Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May, receiving family and friends at a party hosted by their children. The former Barbara Voss married Gerald Klotz on May 11, 1957 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Orland Park. Both moved to Orland Park as children and attended the same schools. The Voss and Klotz families were both involved with the then Orland Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Barbara's late father, Paul Voss, Jr., served as chief, assistant chief, president, treasurer and secretary for the village's volunteer fire department. He was also an Orland Park police officer and served as a village trustee for eleven years. Voss was one of the first fire trustees to serve on the newly formed Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees in 1969 until his death in 1978. Orland Fire Station #2 is dedicated to his memory. Voss' wife, the late Eleanor Voss, was the first police matron for the Orland Park Police Department.

Gerry, Sr.'s father, the late Henry "Hank" Klotz, was also involved with the fire department, serving as a chief engineer for seventeen years. Hank Klotz owned a plumbing business in town, along with Ryan's Gas Sta-

tion, the Night 'O Rest Motel and the Country Restaurant at 14600 South LaGrange Road, where the Southfork Restaurant and Burger King now stand.

Gerry, Sr. is a past president of the Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and served as a paid-on-call firefighter for Orland Park. He was an administrator for the IBM Corporation for 33 years before retiring in 1991.

Barbara worked part-time in retail and is a homemaker. From 1986 until 1989, the family owned Farmhouse Treasures in the Orland Greens Shopping Center at 151st Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park. After living most of their lives in Orland Park, the Klotzes moved to Effingham, Illinois in 2004.

Children of the couple include Patricia (David) Moe of Effingham; Orland Fire Lieutenant Gerald (Marjorie) Klotz, Jr. of Orland Park and Donna (James) Columbus of Effingham. The Klotzes have six grandchildren, Stephanie Owens, David and Jessica Carey, Nicholas and Cody Columbus and Timothy Klotz.



Barbara And Gerald Klotz, Sr on their wedding day, May 11, 1957





## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

Jacki Mari

For all Signs for July 17<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: If you have a special plan, share it, especially if it comes to dealing with a family member.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is not a good time to be stingy with family. You will be rewarded for helps you give.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: You are not alone in thinking about making changes that deal with children.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: Perhaps your dependents were taking you for granted. Big changes are on the way.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You are a born "minister." A "collar or pulpit" is not necessary. People listen!

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are getting tired from trying to do so much for others who could help themselves...

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Read the above message also: Are you putting crutches under feet that can walk?

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: All of this week's predictions apply to you. Read them all. You find solutions.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: This is one of those weeks where you know what needs to be said, but be gentle.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association reports balanced budget for 2006-2007 season

The CSO Continues to Experience Increased Ticket Sales and Maintains More Than 85 Percent Paid Capacity for Second Straight Season

Through creative programming to attract new audiences, successful marketing strategies to increase ticket sales, and collaborations with musicians to advance key promotional opportunities, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which presented more than 209 musical events, reported an increase in ticket sales and a balanced budget for the 2006-2007 season. This marks the first time since 2003 that the Association has successfully balanced its budget.

In 2006-2007, the Orchestra maintained more than 85 percent paid capacity sold for the second consecutive year and continued to experience an increase in ticket sales. Approximately 30 percent of the 2006-2007 CSO Main Series concerts were sold out or exceeded 95 percent paid capacity; more than half reached more than 87 percent paid capacity. CSO Main Series single ticket sales reached a new record, finishing 4 percent ahead of last year. These figures are a reflection of the superlative music making of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and its internationally renowned roster of conductors and guest artists, complemented by industry-leading artistic programming and successful marketing strategies.

Symphony Center also experienced significant growth in ticket sales and subscriptions for several additional series during the 2006-2007 season. There was a robust increase in subscription sales for CSO's innovative audience

development programs such as *Afterwork Masterworks* and *Beyond the Score*. Subscriptions sales for *Afterwork Masterworks* and *Beyond the Score* rose 45 percent and 84 percent, respectively. Additionally, *MusicNOW* enjoyed its first sold-out performance since the inception of the program in 1998; this remarkable event helped to nearly double ticket sales for the series in the 2006-2007 season.

"This has been a very successful year in the life of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra," said Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association President Deborah Card. "What we have been able to accomplish is a testament to our world-class musicians and dedicated audience members and donors. Over the past year, we worked collaborating with the musicians to offer a broad range of exciting programming, all presented at the highest artistic level. We remain committed to developing new audiences through series like *Beyond the Score*, which continues to attract national attention as well as many new concertgoers. All of this has been achieved with an approach of fiscal responsibility and focus on continued improvement of the CSO's financial position."

Among its innovative programming initiatives, the CSO's contemporary music series *MusicNOW* provides audiences with a rare opportunity to experience concert programs completely dedicated to new music, written by some of today's most prominent living composers. Osvaldo

Golijov and Mark-Anthony Turnage celebrated their inaugural season as the CSO's Mead composers-in-residence with programs that garnered overwhelming critical and audience acclaim. The June performance of Mr. Golijov's *Ayre* featuring soprano Dawn Upshaw was the first sold-out concert in the series' history. The remarkable sales for this dynamic program helped to nearly double the number of tickets sold during the previous season.

*Beyond the Score* invites listeners to take an in-depth look at a single orchestral masterwork, using visual imagery and narration to examine a musical selection its context in history, how it fits into the composer's output of works, the details of a composer's life that influenced its creation sharing the illuminating stories found "inside" the music. Live musical examples by the Orchestra illustrate the structure of each composition. After intermission, concertgoers hear a performance of the score, played in its entirety by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Subscriptions grew by 84 percent over last year.

Meanwhile, *Afterwork Masterworks*, a four-concert series that invites music lovers to replace their rush hour commute with a more casual-format concert, continues to gain momentum. The series saw a 45 percent increase in subscriptions this year while ticket sales grew by 71 percent.

In addition to its creative programming efforts, the CSO continues to implement

several successful marketing strategies, including reducing prices on various areas of the main floor to grow audiences. In addition, revenues have been maximized on those concerts with heavy demand. Other efforts such as \$10 student tickets, available online, also have proven effective, with student attendance increasing from 1,200 three years ago to 6,600 this past year.

### About the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is consistently hailed as one of the greatest orchestras in the world. In collaboration with the best conductors and guest artists on the international music scene, the CSO performs well over one hundred concerts each year at its downtown home, Symphony Center, and at the Ravinia Festival on Chicago's North Shore, where it is in residency each summer.

The CSO's comprehensive education and community programs engage close to 100,000 Chicago-area residents annually. Music lovers outside Chicago enjoy the sounds of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra through bestselling recordings, the BP Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast Series and frequent sold-out tour performances in the United States and around the globe.

Since 1971, the CSO has undertaken 32 international tours: 24 to Europe, five to the Far East, as well as one each to Russia, Australia, and South America. Recordings by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra have been awarded 58 Grammy Awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, more than any other orchestra in the world.

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### La Leche League of Palos Hills, Bolingbrook/Romeoville, Joliet & Plainfield celebrates world breastfeeding week

La Leche League of Palos Hills, Bolingbrook/Romeoville, Joliet & Plainfield are hosting a World Breastfeeding Week Celebration picnic on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 10-1 pm, at Dellwood Park, Route 171 & Woods Drive, Lockport, IL 60441. Activities at this special picnic will include: face painting for the children, balloon animals, silent auctions and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Funds raised during this celebration will be used for projects on the local, state, national and international levels. Approximately 100 people are expected to participate. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Power of One is this year's theme for World Breastfeeding Week. The critical importance of colostrum (first milk) has long been known. New scientific evidence reveals that if EVERY woman begins breastfeeding within ONE hour after childbirth, it could prevent ONE million newborn deaths. First hour initiation of breastfeeding is the most vital step towards reducing the overwhelmingly high infant mortality rate.

La Leche League of Palos Hills, Bolingbrook/Romeoville, Joliet & Plainfield provides monthly meetings offering information and support to women interested in breastfeeding. Leaders with the Group provide 24-hour free telephone support to the community. All volunteer La Leche League Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers who are trained and accredited by La Leche League International.

La Leche League of Palos Hills, Bolingbrook/Romeoville, Joliet & Plainfield are part of La Leche League International, a nonprofit, nonsectarian, volunteer organization that provides breastfeeding information and support. To learn more about La Leche League and World Breastfeeding Week, visit [www.llusa.org](http://www.llusa.org). To contact a Leader about the picnic or for breastfeeding information, phone Beth at 708-226-9569.

### Host an international student enrolled at Moraine Valley

The need for host homes for international students attending Moraine Valley Community College continues to grow. The college's International Office of Student Affairs is now seeking new hosts to participate in the Host Home Program for the fall semester. Students will arrive the week of August 5.

Students in host homes benefit from having safe and affordable housing, quickly learning about the U.S. lifestyle, and experiencing friendship, which can help them better deal with culture shock and loneliness.

Host benefits include building international relationships, broadening cultural understanding, and receiving a monthly stipend up to \$500. They gain an inside perspective on other countries and cultures, and ultimately contribute to the student's success.

"The relationship the host develops with the student is really one of the most important parts of the program," said Nancy Pearson, international student housing specialist at Moraine Valley. "The experience can be enriching and

rewarding, and both people usually end up with a friendship that lasts a lifetime."

Last spring, two Japanese students who met at Moraine Valley in 1999 returned to the area to be married in a local community church. They notified their hosts they would like to come back and stay with them in preparation for their wedding. Also last spring, a former international student from Hong Kong, who is now enrolled at the University of Illinois, sent a letter that was read by his brother, a current Moraine Valley student, at the program's annual banquet thanking his host for making his adjustment and success in the United States possible.

Hosts range from all ages and can be single or a family. A student can be placed in a host home anywhere from a few weeks to a semester or longer. Those who are interested in hosting should have an extra bedroom or space in their home and an understanding that new international students will need help and support as they adjust to living in the United States. Homes located along public transportation routes are especially needed as most international students do not have a car to get to school.

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### CCRKBA Tells gun owners to circle AUG. 28 for counter protest effort

While Rev. Jesse Jackson is feverishly organizing a 25-city anti-gun protest on

Tuesday, Aug. 28, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) wants gun owners to visit gun shops and shooting ranges, and contact their state and federal lawmakers on that date to demand that they support our Second Amendment rights.

Jackson's day of national protest is timed on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's 1963 March on Washington, D.C.

"The great hypocrisy here," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb, "is that Dr. King's historic march was to promote and defend civil rights. What Jesse Jackson is planning is designed to crush America's most important civil right. A right that Dr. King exercised by owning a handgun."

Jackson wants to limit the number of firearms a person may purchase in a calendar year, place new restrictions on who is allowed to legally own a handgun, and mandate longer waiting periods.

"While Jackson and his gun-grabbing cronies want to make it more difficult, if not impossible, for average Americans to keep and bear arms," Gottlieb said, "gun owners can exercise their Constitutional rights, and tell their lawmakers to defend the Second Amendment. They can visit a gun shop, buy a gun or ammunition, or visit a range and exercise their rights."

"Being from Chicago," Gottlieb said, "it is astonishing that Jackson has failed to see the correlation between that city's Draconian handgun ban and Chicago's violent crime rate, yet he wants to lead a nationwide protest against a constitutionally-protected civil right. Rev. Jackson evidently has forgotten the question raised in Luke, Chapter 6: 'Can the blind lead the

### Representative Lipinski helps pass bill to make college more affordable

Representative Dan Lipinski (D-IL) helped pass H.R. 2669, the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, in the U.S. House of Representatives. This legislation would make the single largest federal investment in college financial aid since the GI Bill of 1944, providing students with about \$18 billion over the next five years. In doing so, the bill will help students from America's middle class pay for college, while imposing no new costs on taxpayers.

"As a former professor I know how critical a college education is, and I also understand how expensive it has become," said Lipinski. "College costs have grown nearly 40 percent in the last five years alone. This bill will provide significant help in making college more affordable for millions of students and families."

The College Cost Reduction Act raises the Pell Grant scholarship value by \$500 by 2011, benefiting about 230,000 students in Illinois. When combined with other Pell scholarship increases passed or proposed by Congress this year, maximum Pell Grants could reach \$5,200 by 2011, a 30 percent increase from 2006. The bill also will cut interest rates in half on need-based student loans over the next five years, from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent, saving every Illinois student \$4,510 over the life of their loans.

In addition, the bill will provide tuition assistance for excellent undergraduate students who agree to teach in the nation's public schools, and it will provide loan forgiveness for college students that go into public service professions. The legislation will be funded by cutting excess subsidies paid by the federal government to lenders in the student loan industry, preventing any new costs from being imposed on taxpayers.

"Making college more affordable is particularly important at a time when the costs of attending college continue to skyrocket," said Lipinski. "I will continue to work to address the rising costs of education so that no qualified student is prevented from going to college because of the price and the crushing burden of college loans. Our action today will make a real difference in the lives of millions of students and their families."

The legislation now moves to the United States Senate for further consideration.

blind?"

"Holding law-abiding gun owners responsible for crimes they did not commit, which is what restrictive gun laws do, is like bearing false witness against thy neighbor," Gottlieb said, "I might suggest that anybody joining in this protest remember the words of Matthew, who said 'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.'"

With more than 650,000

members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms ([www.ccrkba.org](http://www.ccrkba.org)) is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations.

As a nonprofit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grass-roots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States





Jacki Mari

## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for July 17<sup>th</sup>: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriendl! \*\*\*

Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: If you have a special plan, share it, especially if it comes to dealing with a family member.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: This is not a good time to be stingy with family. You will be rewarded for helps you give.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: You are not alone in thinking about making changes that deal with children.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: Perhaps your dependents were taking you for granted. Big changes are on the way.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You are a born "minister." A "collar or pulpit" is not necessary. People listen!

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are getting tired from trying to do so much for others who could help themselves.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Read the above message also: Are you putting crutches under feet that can walk?

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: All of this week's predictions apply to you. Read them all. You find solutions.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> or any sign & Pisces: This is one of those weeks where you know what needs to be said, but be gentle.

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Consider Autognosis or Hypnotherapy for most any problem area. Psychic Counseling also available. Call my office at 708-532-8400 or 532-3375 for info or to schedule your appt with me. Have a House Party [Host/Hostess can be Free]. Call us.

Psychic Mini-Sessions available from 7pm at the Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] Aug 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon]. Walk-ins welcome, Appts are best. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for Regular services [walk-ins welcome].

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Questions and Psychic Answers  
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If I could convince you that your weight problems are easier to solve than you think, would you at least listen? I have a tape you just listen & your subconscious self does all the work. No special foods or exercises, no drug intake, no stimulants or nervousness, no hunger twangs either! As you probably know already, Alyn & I are both Certified Medical Hypnotherapists & Instructors. We work with people to help them [what we call] "git-r-done" ...what they think they cannot do, like lose weight, yet with our specially designed Hypnotherapy techniques they can accomplish what they are so desperately trying to do. Janet asks, "am I to be put into a sleep state if I have Autognosis or Hypnosis done?" No! So anyone can have it done!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Worth Park District Men's Fall 2007 16 Softball League  
Fees- \$500 per Team  
Days-Monday Double Headers

Game Time-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30 start on Field 1&2.8  
Teams Max  
Registration Starts August 1<sup>st</sup>

Season-4 Weeks- 5th Week Playoffs  
Top 4 Teams make Playoffs

Registration Deadline August 24th  
Season Begins Monday August 27th

Ends September 17th  
Playoffs September 24th

Top 4 Teams of Reg. Season  
PayOut

Reg. Season Playoffs  
1st \$300 1st \$300

2nd \$150 2nd \$150  
3rd \$100 (Rain Out on Wednesday of same week)

Soccer registration for children is ongoing. Teams are forming now for the fall season! \$80 for Residents and \$85 for Non-residents

We will have many new children's and adult classes! Bellydancing, Yoga, Senior Stretch, and walking class, cooking, crafts, baby disco, music mommy and me, senior luncheons, Special Babysitting Discount for Curves of Worth Members, Defensive Boxing!

The Worth Museum has many new trips this fall. A full schedule can be found on the website.

**Burbank Park District Dance Performs at Walt Disney World**

The Burbank Park District Dancers became stars of their own Disney show on Monday June 18 when they took the stage at the Galaxy Palace Theater in Magic Kingdom Park. They traveled from Burbank, IL to the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida to take part in Disney Magic Music Days.

The dancers also sharpened their performance skills during a workshop taught by a professional Disney performer. During the workshop, the students learned techniques to insure success in the professional working world.

Dance groups from throughout the country apply to perform each year as part of Disney Magic Music Days. Once selected, ensembles are given the opportunity to perform at the resort for an international audience of theme park guests.



Disney Magic Music Days is part of Disney Performing Arts Programs, which offers band, choral, dance and auxiliary performers the opportunity to learn, perform and compete at the Walt Disney World Resort. For more information visit [www.DisneyPerformingArts.com](http://www.DisneyPerformingArts.com) or call 1-800-603-0552

## Chicago Children's Choir Workshop at the Worth Park District

September 17th and 21st from 4-5:30pm at 11500 S. Beloit, 3 blocks West of Harlem Ave. This is a free program for any children interested in singing. Registration is preferred but is not required. During the workshop, the singers will learn the basic techniques of healthy singing in a choral setting through vocal warm-up exercises and musical selections. The singers will learn and perform a variety of songs from different genres of music. These genres will include classical, Native-American folk, multicultural, and pop/gospel music. As the singers practice these songs, they will learn about world cultures through music, how each culture influences the way their music is written and performed, and the authentic way each selection should be performed through vocal tone, native language, and dance movements while using the basic techniques of healthy singing. Singers will even learn to sing in a variety of languages including Latin, Xhosa (South Africa), Hebrew, and Spanish. Visit [www.ccchoir.org](http://www.ccchoir.org) for information.

## Palos Township and Palos

### Lions Club Sponsor Eye Screening

The Palos Township Health Service and Palos Lions Club will sponsor a free

of new blindness in the United States today. Early detection is a major factor in the prevention of visual loss. The screening may determine if you have retinal problem associated with macular degeneration. The screening will be help on

Wed., Aug. 8, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Palos Township offices at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

## About the American Cancer Society Relay For Life:

The American Cancer Society *Relay For Life* is the Society's signature fundraiser that brings together the entire community. The overnight event features teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups, friends and families who designate at least one member at a time to walk or run on a track throughout the night.

The American Cancer Society *Relay For Life* helps fund cancer research and programs such as Patient Navigation Services, which provides seamless access to services and resources for cancer patients. Funds also support patient programs that provide free transportation to cancer treatments, match newly diagnosed patients with cancer survivors for support and help women going through chemotherapy focus on their inner and outer beauty.

*Relay For Life* began in 1985 when Dr. Gordon Klatt, a Tacoma, Wash., surgeon and an American Cancer Society volunteer, ran and walked on a local track for 24 hours, traveling a total of 81 miles and raising \$27,000.

*Relay For Life* is hosted in 22 countries outside the U.S. and has raised \$2.27 billion for cancer research, educational programs, advocacy and patient support services since 1985.

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## Stand-up Comic Judy Gold is hilarious

by Marijo Doody

The Emmy-winning actress/comedian Judy Gold and playwright Kate Maria Ryan presented the culmination of the five-year journey across the United States in the one-act comedic production "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother." After playing to sold-out audiences in New York City, the production received the 2006 Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Solo Performance.

The show starts off with a bang, progresses through Ann Frank history, her lesbian partner, women interviewed including an Orthodox woman whose son died of AIDS, several Holocaust survivors, a Chinese woman who converted, mother-daughter relations and off-color remarks about Bush. It is a laugh a minute.

There is even notice about sitting Shiva, when a



child marries a non-Jew. It is not much difference when in olden days an Italian married an Irishman or a white married a black. The production ran at the North Shore Performing Arts Center.

Gold mixed autobiographical commentary with timed one-liners to a grandiose effect. The show was riotously funny and ultimately moving.

Gold won two Emmy Awards for writing and producing "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." And was nominated for the American Comedy Award Funniest Female Standup. She has been on TV in various venues.

## Burbank Park District Preschool and Playschool

Our Preschool program is designed to assist the preschooler in learning to follow directions, getting along with others and developing the basic skills for Kindergarten. Children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2007 to enable the child to attend Kindergarten the following year. Birth certificates and immunization records are required at the time of registration. Choose either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday class at \$109 for residents, \$150 for non-residents or the Tuesday or Thursday class at \$89 for residents. Session 1 begins September 17th. You can register at any time for Preschool.

Now the Playschool program is designed for children who will be going to Kindergarten in 2 years or less. In this early childhood program, students work towards mastering fine motor and socialization skills. Children will participate in singing and movement games, seasonal arts and crafts and other fun filled activities that develop the social and educational needs of 3 and 4 year olds. Children must be potty trained and out of diapers.

Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2007. Birth certificates and immunization records are required at the time of registration. Choose either the Monday, Wednesday or Friday class at \$109 for residents, \$150 for non residents or the Tuesday or Thursday class at \$89 for residents and for non residents \$125. Session 1 begins on September 17th, 2007. You can register at any time for Playschool.

For more details call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.

## Little Company Of Mary Foundation Golf Outing on September 7, 2007

The Little Company of Mary Foundation Golf Outing Committee will hold their eighth annual golf outing at Green Gardens Country Club in Frankfort, IL on Friday, September 7th, 2007. The outing's proceeds will help improve the well being of the children of our area by benefiting Little Company Of Mary Hospital Maternity Services.

The day starts with registration and a buffet lunch at 11 a.m., a noon shotgun start, followed by cocktails and a steak dinner. Golfers receive a tee-off package, refreshments on the course and prizes if they win various contests. A golfer has a chance to win a car if a hole-in-one is sunk. Other prizes will be awarded to both the male and female golfers that are closest to the pin and have the longest drive on each course. A skybox at the White Sox game will also be awarded to the highest bidder, courtesy of Trace Ambulance.

The wonderful committee is being cochaired this year by Dan McKeown from Florida Plastics and Pat Cahill from Trace Ambulance. Tickets are \$190 per person, \$760 per foursome and if you'd like to join us just for dinner the fee is \$60. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Prizes are \$1,500 first prize, \$500 for second prize and \$250 for the third prize.

There are many opportunities to show support or sponsorship for this worthy cause. If you are interested in sponsoring, participating, or if you have any questions, please call Anne Cullen at 708-229-5447.

## Evergreen Park Churches held Faith Fest

On August 3, 2007, the Evergreen Park Ministerial Association sponsored a concert in Klein Park. The concert was a venue where many of the churches in the Evergreen Park Village brought their choirs and bands to sing. They concluded with several selections performed together with the combined choirs. It was a faith filled experience.

This year they also honored active duty military members and the family members in Evergreen Park. The following names were read during honoring ceremony: Specialist Eric Armstrong, Ssg Steven Baker, Jamie Benetiz, LCPL Joshua Blankenship, Arnie Blazys, Matthew Blough, Ed Bryja, Anthony Cantore, Michael Cantore, LPCL Ryan Carasquillo, Cpl. Michael P. Carroll, LCPL John W. Campbell, Major Charles R. Cassidy, PFC Efrén Chavez, Lance Corporal Anthony Collins, David Eric Covey, Kevin Dalton, Andrew Donahue, David Drew, Steve Driscoll, Eric Droysen, Brian Duffy, Sean T. Durbin, 2nd Lt. Daniel Eul, PFC Ryan Esvalona, PFC Daniel Evoy, Pat Evoy, Spc Darnell Felder, SPC Patrick Gallagher, PFC Ryan Graal, LCPL John Hojek, Pvt Michael Hoover, Sp-4 John Hoyne, Corporal Nick E. Johnson, Sgt John Krainas, Lt James Konstant, Lt Dale Kooyenga, Specialist Daniel Kooyenga, Sgt Russell Kooyenga, William Kosirog, Sgt John Thomas LaGiglia, Sgt John E. Mars, Josh McMannus, Michael P. McMartin, Mike McRae, Airman Christopher Meyer, Frank Morsovillo, Cpl. Raymond Mulrenin, Wayne Mutransky, Thomas Nowak,



## Avila speaks before seniors

Commissioner Frank Avila, with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the P hoebe's Place Seniors, Friday, August 17 at 12:15 pm at Maple Park United Methodist Church, 1225 W. 117th Street.

Mildred Shaifer, coordinator, announced that the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD including the Deep Tunnel Project.

Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of IL, Champaign-Urbana and a master of science from the University of Arizona.

## Evergreen Park Farmers Market

Visit the Evergreen Park Farmers' Market every Thursday 7:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. at Yukich field, 90th and Kedzie.

We are welcoming three new vendors.

Meet George and Nancy Gaydos representing the Fuller Brush Company. The company has been in business for 101 years.

Harold and Laura Fowikes bring Watkins Natural / Organic Products to market. The Watkins Company celebrates 139 years in business.

Joe Hiemenz from Hiemenz Nursery of Mokena will be selling perennials, shrubs, roses, etc.

Our fruit and vegetable growers report an early season. Locally grown produce is ready earlier this year. Tomatoes, corn and peaches are abundant and apples won't be far behind.

Robert Phelan, 1st Lt. Justin Priestman, Specialist Jessica Reed, PFC Angel Reyes Jr., James Rogers, 2nd Lt. Erich J. Sauer, Ray Schonauer, Ssg. Connie Tensley, Major Byron Thompson, Tom Vail, Lance Cpl. Andrew G. Walker, Sgt. James Woods, PFC Keith Wood

The children choir consisted of 30 plus youths of all ages from Evergreen Park.

The adults numbered 30 plus from all walks of life from students to seniors who love to sing and are in Evergreen Park.

Some of the churches involved were Grace Community Christian Church, Gift of Hope Ministries, St. Bernadette, Emanuel Reformed and Little Company of Mary Hospital. Refreshments were served to over 100 people in at



## ROLL 4 DICE

Sunday, November 18, 2007, the "Roll 4 Dice" Benefit for Jeff Fordice will be held at 115 Bourbon Street, located at 3359 West 115th Street in Merrionette Park, IL. The benefit will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The purpose of this benefit is to provide assistance for the mounting financial responsibilities due to a recent fight Jeff battled against testicular cancer.

Diagnosed in August 2006, Jeff, then 24-years old, was gearing up for his last semester in college. After learning of the devastating news Jeff still managed to student teach and earn his bachelor's degree from Saint Xavier University in January 2007. Too ill to attend his college graduation ceremony, Jeff endured three rounds of chemotherapy beginning in December 2006 [two rounds in which he was hospitalized for days]. Throughout this fight in which the chemotherapy left him very weak and unable to work, the medical bills went far beyond what Jeff's student insurance plan was able to cover. With many years ahead filled with required testing and treatment and more medical bills, we are asking for your help.

Jeff has been an Oak Lawn resident all of his life. He is an Oak Lawn-Hometown School District #123 alum, a graduate of H.L. Richards High School, the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago [CHIC], and St. Xavier University. Jeff belongs to St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, and is also an avid motorcycle enthusiast and hockey player.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us with the "Roll 4 Dice" Benefit. All donations either financial or and item we can use in a silent auction or raffle will be recognized as donated from you or your establishment. All donations will be included in promotional materials. A \$50 minimum would offer you an ad in our benefit book. Donations are tax deductible.

All donations will be used for the purpose of helping Jeff with his medical responsibilities throughout his time of recovery. If you have any questions regarding donations or if you wish to have further information on this benefit you may contact Linda Fordice or Stephanie Fordice at 708-425-8441, or email life46@comcast.net.

\* Monetary donations will be accepted at Founders Bank, 10515 South Cicero Ave, in Oak Lawn, IL. 60453 in the name of "Roll 4 Dice" or at any Founders Bank Branch.

## Don't be railroaded by Alderman Zalewski & Developers

Alderman Michael Zalewski supports a zoning change, allowing the development of 212 condos and town homes along the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad from 55th Street to 59th Street, without the community's support.

Alderman Zalewski and Developers have not kept nearby residents abreast of said plans, nor have they held or invited the surrounding community to any zoning hearings or meetings regarding the proposed zoning change required for such a mass development.

Make your concerns known, contact the following.:

- \* Alderman Zalewski's office- 773-582-4444
- \* Congressman Dan Lipinski's office- 312-886-0481
- \* State Representative Bobby Molaro's office- 773-838-1212
- \* Department of Zoning -312-747-5742
- \* Committee on Zoning - Alderman Banks- 312-744-6857
- \* Department of Planning & Development -312-744-0914

Thank you for your support Joe Lullo [ nearby property owner]

Please contact your Congressman and Alderman to support the your community concerns.



Air Force Airman 1st Class Matthew I. Oliva has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Mary Oliva of S. Nagle Ave., Worth, Ill. Oliva is a 2001 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights, Ill., and received an associate degree in 2002 from Robert Morris College, Chicago, Ill.

Army Reserve Pfc. Vito A. Barraco has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness; and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map read-

ing, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. He is the son of Nick and Janet Barraco of S. Kenneth Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. Barraco is a 2004 graduate of Brother Rice High School, Chicago, Ill.

Air Force Airman Austin C. Whitney has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Dawn Whitney of W. 81st St., Bridgeview, Ill. Whitney is a 2007 graduate of Argo Community High School, Summit, Ill.

## Orland Fire Protection District Honors Life Saving Efforts

Another Life Saved By AED Intervention & Orland Fire

The Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees recently recognized the life saving efforts of two individuals at the Riviera Country Club in Orland Park. Employee Cory White and club member Patty Rogers, a nurse, responded when 74 year old Phillip Varnagis

## Lipinski Helps Pass Comprehensive Energy Bill

WASHINGTON — Representative Dan Lipinski joined a majority in the House of Representatives in passing landmark energy independence legislation that will help make our nation more secure, create new American jobs, reduce energy costs for consumers, and fight global warming.

"This bill is a victory for all Americans," said Lipinski. "I am proud to have played a part in crafting and passing this legislation that will help protect our environment and increase our national security."

The comprehensive energy bill will strengthen national security by reducing dependence on foreign oil and will also help average Americans by repealing \$23 billion in tax subsidies for big oil companies. The bill supports cutting edge research and the creation of new jobs and technologies by investing \$2.3 billion in clean, renewable fuels such as hydrogen, ethanol, bioenergy, solar, geothermal, and hydro energy. These initiatives were previously approved in legislation passed through the House Committee on Science and Technology.

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Vice Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee; Rep. Lipinski contributed two significant provisions to the bill related to alternative energy development and energy conservation. The first initiative directs the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to replace commonly used low efficiency light bulbs with high efficiency bulbs whenever a new bulb is installed in a GSA-owned office building. The GSA is the federal agency which owns and administers office space for civilian federal agencies, and by installing high efficiency light bulbs in their 1800 facilities, this initiative will cut down significantly on energy use by the federal government and at the same time save tens of millions of taxpayer dollars.

The second provision, known as the H-Prize Act, establishes over \$50 million in competitively awarded cash prizes to spur innovation in hydrogen energy technologies and advance the use of hydrogen as a fuel for transportation. Every two years, four \$1 million prizes would be given for advances in the production, storage, distribution, and utilization of hydrogen, and one \$4 million prize would be awarded for advances in prototype hydrogen vehicles. And at the end of ten years, one grand prize of \$10 million would be given for a transformational advance in hydrogen energy technology.

"As an engineer by training I know it is critical that we invest in new and emerging technologies that are here today and that show great promise for the future," stated Lipinski. "The bill that we passed today puts us on a path toward energy independence that will help ensure America's continued security and success."

went into cardiac arrest. The pair initiated cardio pulmonary resuscitation and used the facility's automatic external defibrillator to save Varnagis until help arrived.

White and Rogers were unable to attend the board's recent meeting to accept their awards; however, Varnagis was in attendance and was able to thank the Orland Fire Protection District crew that responded to the call.

"We're happy to recognize the efforts of Mr. White and Ms. Rogers and thank them for initiating CPR and using the AED to save Mr. Varnagis," said Deputy Fire Chief Bryant Krizik, adding that this was the second time a life was saved with an AED at an Orland Park fitness fa-

cility.

## Deputy Chief Receives \$2.00 More An Hour for Added Duties

In other news, the fire trustees voted to modify Deputy Fire Chief Bryant Krizik's hourly salary to compensate for his additional responsibilities while the district searches for a new fire chief. The amount was later modified to reflect an added \$2.00 an hour to Krizik's current salary of \$118,914. "The Orland Fire District has a formula to compensate personnel who take on temporary assignments in positions higher than their own," said Board President Patrick Maher.

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## David an ingenious chef and entertainer

As seen on local Chicago newscasts and exploding in print, how can you not love this guy?

With a personality that is truly genuine and HILARIOUS, David has been creating and entertaining for 10 years now. Between his restaurant David's Bistro in Des Plaines, a 24/7 catering business, personal and group cooking lessons, writing, singing, gymnastics and of course - his comedy...he is quite a busy man!

With his background starting at Mickey D's (McDonalds) at the age of 14 - he has truly seen all aspects of the culinary life. Before opening the bistro in 1997, he has worked at posh restaurants and hotels in the city and Chicagoland area, respectively.

David creates all of his own recipes and even works with clients to help create their own theme with any kind of food. Some like a six course intimate dining experience (like at a fancy French restaurant) and some like to keep it simple. David has been noted to say with a smile, "I'll do whatever it takes...of course there is one limitation - like cooking bacon nude."

There is a first time for everything with David. "A full-out gymnastics routine would be available as long as clients sign a waiver stating "I am not responsible for finishing cooking demo

when the chef's head has a massive contusion! I will show them how to prepare, stand on one leg and eat a chocolate ooze cake whole," David laughed.

It has turned out that the new idea for a shower is having a personal chef entertain your girlfriends. A room with David and 40 women is surly not a problem for this seasoned chef!

Sizzelin' Chef David can weigh in on any aspect of the culinary world (as well as any of his other talents) and is available for interviews.

More About David Maish

Founder and Chef Owner of David's Bistro for the past ten years, David Maish's combined passion for providing an exquisite casual fine dining experience and personal philosophy of comfortable service, humor and personality has kept business booming. His personal attention of his patrons ensures that every dining experience is exceptional and memorable. With the restaurant keeping David busy every evening - he also provides special event parties, private rooms with fireplace and an exceptional catering service available any time of the day or night. For over the past 3 1/2 years, Maish has enjoyed demonstrating recipes that are fun and easy and can be incorporated at home. Although the themes of the classes may vary from funny to professional depending on the location; David has one goal in mind: not only to teach, but to

also ENTERTAIN! In addition to an extensive education in the culinary arts, 35-year old Maish also studied at Chicago's Second City and is known to play and write original works with his guitar. He is known not only for his exceptional food but for his other talents that are incorporated in his life at his restaurant.

## Moraine Valley offers online and Web-assisted learning for college credit

If your morning routine isn't exactly "streamlined," or even if you're just plain busy, Moraine Valley's online and Web-assisted courses may be the answer.

Online classes are taught completely over the Internet, while Web-assisted courses are taught through a combination of classroom and Web-based instruction. Both types of courses allow for students to attend all or part of their class via the Internet with the ability to access the instructor, classmates, and course materials. Access to a Web-equipped computer and a personal e-mail account are required.

Moraine Valley offers more than 100 online and Web-assisted classes this fall in a variety of fields, such as General Biology I and II; College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; English Literature I and II; Medical Terminology; and General Sociology, among others. For a complete listing, check the fall 2007 class schedule or visit [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu) on the

Web.

Registration begins is underway. Classes begin the week of August 20. Tuition is \$67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110. Previously enrolled students also can register online via the college's Web site, at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

Information on all credit and noncredit classes is available in the fall 2007 class schedule or online at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

## Short-term credit classes at Moraine Valley save time

Get full college credit for taking short-term classes at Moraine Valley during the fall 2007 semester. Short-term classes are usually eight weeks but can vary in length from one to 16 weeks. While classes meet fewer times, the same amount of material is covered as traditional 17-week classes.

Students have their choice of enrolling in short-term classes encompassing a wide range of subjects including business, art, economics, history, psychology, and more. The majority of short-term classes begin the week of Aug. 20, and additional classes begin every week throughout the semester until Nov. 12.

Registration is underway. Tuition is \$67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at [morainevalley.edu](http://morainevalley.edu).

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This fall's telecourse offerings include Composition I; Speech Fundamentals; Western Civilization I; American History I; Introduction to Philosophy; World Religions; American National Government; Life-Span Developmental Psychology;

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The next mandatory training sessions will be Wednesdays, September 26 and October 3 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Moraine Valley, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

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To volunteer or for more information about Moraine Valley's Literacy Program, call Megan Hughes, literacy coordinator, at (708) 974-5331.

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The 2007 Chicago Dancing Festival presents renowned choreographers performed by many at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion on Wednesday, August 22 at 7:30pm in Millennium Park. Museum Contemporary Art Chicago Dancing Company and City of Chicago Millennium Park present the program.

Performing are dancers from American Ballet Theatre, Alvin Ailey, American Dance Theatre, Ballet Florida, Joffrey Ballet, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago and San Francisco Ballet.

The Chicago Dancing Company, Inc(CDC) was founded by internationally renowned choreographer and native Chicagoian Lar Lubovitch and dancer Jay Franke as a non-profit organization whose mission is to present a wide variety of excellent dance and build audiences for dance in Chicago. The 2007 Chicago Dancing Festival is the first initiative of the CDC. The event is free. For more information visit the web at [www.chicagodancingfestival.com](http://www.chicagodancingfestival.com).

## Oak Lawn Library to Honor Veterans of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

The Oak Lawn Public Library Local History Unit is now in the process of gathering material and information for a Veterans History Project that aims to explore the local veteran connection in 20<sup>th</sup> century military conflicts, from WW I to the Gulf War. These research efforts will culminate with an exhibit and public programming the weekend of Veteran's Day, November 10-11, 2007.

Any Oak Lawn resident, past or present, who has served in the military can participate by recording their story in an oral history interview or written narrative. Forms to record your written narrative are available at the library and on-line at the library's website ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). Veterans with photographs, letters, diaries, medals earned, service records, uniforms and war material are urged to consider a donation or loan of their personal items to the Local History Unit for use in the exhibit. All articles on loan will be kept secure and returned at the close of the exhibit.

To become involved in the Veterans History Project, call Dr. Maureen Gilligan, local history coordinator, 708-422-4990, or email ([mgilligan@oaklawnlibrary.org](mailto:mgilligan@oaklawnlibrary.org)).

The library reestablished the Dee Kopf Local History Room to provide interested patrons, historians and students access to archived and reference materials with work areas and staff assistance provided. The Local History

Room is located in the Adult Reference Department, second floor.

### Art Exhibit: Paintings by Robert Mayer

Members of the community are encouraged to visit the new Public Art Gallery of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. to view an exhibit of twenty-four large-scale oil paintings by Oak Lawn resident Robert Mayer through August 31, 2007.

There will be a special "Meet the Artist" event 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 23 in the exhibit area. This event has been rescheduled due to a power outage.

Mayer is a lifelong artist whose passions are capturing the quiet beauty of America's southwest and sharing the symbolism and lore of Native American peoples. After retiring from ownership of his family's florist shop, the artist turned his full attention to creating highly-detailed oil paintings in vibrant colors on large canvases.

The library's Public Art Gallery is located in a spacious nook adjacent to the Periodicals Reading Area, second floor. It has approximately 100 sq. ft. of wall hanging space, 48 sq. ft. of space on a free-standing exhibit panel system and one large lockable display case. Artists interested in participating in future exhibitions can pick up an application at the Reception Booth.

For more information, contact 708-422-4990.

## Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening Coming to Cicero August 20th

CHICAGO - Residents living in and around the Cicero, Ill., community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Cicero Public Safety Building on August 20th. The site is located at 5410 West 34th Street in Cicero. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

A stroke, also known as

a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. The cost for a Wellness Package of all four

screenings (including free osteoporosis screening) is \$129.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of preventive screenings.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-909-3106 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Preregistration is required.

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**A FREE concert and Pie Social** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. Oak Lawn, (Brandt Ave. is 2 blocks west of Cicero) on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Trinity's Praise Band will give a concert in the air-conditioned sanctuary. Following the concert, there will be a Pie and Ice cream Social. For more information, please call Cathy Cepican, at 422-0193.



Picture (l-r) Adam Woodworth, Executive Director of The Children's Museum, Dominic Rescigno, Kathy Kobak, Oak Lawn Rotary

## Oak Lawn Rotary places Job 1 student

The Oak Lawn Rotary Club has provided a summer job for high-school student, Dominic Rescigno, through the Ro-

tary, Job 1 Program. Job 1 is a Rotary District 6450 program designed to work with high-school students and employers to assist students with paid summer internships.

The Oak Lawn Rotary Club is one of the first clubs outside of the city of Chicago to bring this opportunity to the suburbs. Through the Job 1 Program,

### Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Trip: Chicago Architectural River Cruise

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host an Architectural River Cruise trip Thursday, September 13. The sign up begins with an in-person registration 9-11 a.m. Saturday, August 11 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

After the 90-minute tour, participants will enjoy a gourmet box lunch at Navy Pier. The cost of this trip is \$52 for Friends members and \$57 for others. The bus will depart from the library at 8 a.m. and return at 2 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. After the in-person registration closes, you may call the library to find out how to purchase tickets, 708-422-4990.

Dominic became an employee at The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. He currently assists with clerical duties, including computer work, answers phones, greets people at the door, and also helps with the various field trips arriving at the museum. When asked how he likes his first job, which comes with a paycheck, he replied, "I love it. There is always something to do and it's different every day."

The current Job 1 Program was initially called Kid Start and began in the city of Chicago four years ago. At the request of Mayor Richard J. Daley, the Rotary Club of Chicago adopted the program as a vocational service project and changed its name to Job 1. This year, it is being rolled out to the sixty-five Rotary clubs in District 6450, which encompasses much of Illinois. The Rotarians act as advisors and mentors to the students and actively seek employers to offer paid summer internships.

For more information about Job 1 or Rotary, contact Kathy Kobak, Job 1 Coordinator for the Oak Lawn Rotary Club at 708-361-1177.

## Beverly South Christian Woman's Club

Beverly South Christian Woman's Club will be hosting "A Nifty Thrifty" luncheon Thursday August 16, 2007 at noon. It will be held at the Lexington House Banquet Hall, at 7717 West 95th Street, in Hickory Hills, IL. Christine Bassett will tell us "How to Handle any Crisis!" This month's special feature will be several of the ladies modeling outfits they purchased from the resale shops. Gloria Brown will be singing a few special numbers.

Cost of the luncheon is \$11.00, payable at the door. Reservations are required by August 13, 2007. Please call Helen at 708-233-7949.

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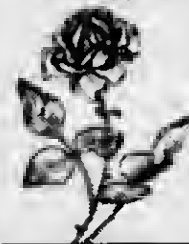
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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for August 7th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!

#### Happy Birthday Leo Born

Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: Life itself is a challenge for everyone, but, you are a "problem solver" this week. I aids.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Try the 85% / 15% saving plan where you live on 85% of income, bank or invest the rest.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: The above message applies to you too. Also, some of you win money this week.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: You are looking at a very busy & emotional week. Best to listen rather than argue.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini/Virgo: Take a breather, go somewhere & have fun. You'll be busier than ever soon.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus/Libra: A Pisces born comes into your life & for some of you it's love. Happy times ahead!

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: Festive times ahead for most of you. Some soon meet their soul-mate. Cash concerns.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries/Scorpio: Love is really felt this week! You could be traveling soon. Money comes when needed.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Pisces: This is not a good week to speculate on anything that would mean putting out hard-earned cash.

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#### Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Sending Wrong Messages

Jimmy S. of Worth asks, "do you agree that our kids are being sent the wrong messages when rich & famous people [esp. show biz & sports] can do almost anything illegal they want to & only get a fine [which they can afford] or a slap on the hand. Clergy can molest kids & do 1-5 years of time.

But us ordinary folks with median incomes are punished to the hilt for the exact same offenses." You are so right! But my psychic insights tell me that when "ordinary" folks will write letters & speak up for "fairness" in legal matters such as these, there will be an awakening in the movie & sports community that will reach out to all offenders. M.M. says, "I heard Paris Hilton had special food."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Take Time for Fun

Update for the week of August 6, 2007

Visit [www.olparks.com](http://www.olparks.com) for more information on upcoming programs and events!!

• The Incredibles -Free Movie in the Park! Come join us Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park (102<sup>nd</sup> St. & Major Ave.) The movie starts at 8 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. \*Please note the change in location from the brochure. The movie will not be at Centennial Park.

• Casting Call - Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" will be held at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St.) on September 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call backs on September 6. Show dates are November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at Oak View Center.

• Preschool Registration - Registration is ongoing for the 2007/2008 Oak Lawn Park District Preschool year. Openings are available in classes #1806, Learn As You Grow II at Little White Building for 4/5 year olds and #1808, PrepSchool at Oak View Center for 4/5 year olds. Registrations will be taken at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St). Bring copy of child's birth certificate at time of registration.

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• Teen Advisory Group - Oak Lawn Park district is looking to start a Teen Advisory Group. To get your ideas for the Teen Center, open tween & teen hours, trips, programs and events. Please contact Colleen O'Gorman at 708-857-2420 for more information.

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Visit on August 8th and enjoy a tour of the store and learn more about how Neat Repeats volunteers make a difference in the lives of the women and children who are

served by the programs at the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Volunteers are needed at both stores to cashier, arrange displays, accept donations and assist customers.

Neat Repeat operates primarily through the support of its generous volunteers and donors. For additional information please call the store manager at Orland 708-364-7605 or at Worth 708-361-6860.

All sales benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides emergency shelter and essential services for victims of domestic violence. For additional information on the Crisis Center and their services contact 708-429-7255 or visit [www.crisisctr.org](http://www.crisisctr.org).

## From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: How do I find a Styrofoam recycler in my area? My company receives huge sheets of the stuff on a regular basis and it just gets thrown straight into the trash. What can a business do to get this stuff recycled economically and efficiently? — S.R.M., Mesa, AZ

Known within the packaging industry as expanded polystyrene (EPS) and usually bearing the "#6" recycling symbol, **Styrofoam** (which is actually the trademark name for Dow Chemical's product) has long been an environmental bugaboo, as it contains chemicals known to cause central nervous system damage and other health problems for workers regularly exposed to it. And since it is difficult and expensive to recycle, EPS tends to clog landfills already teeming with toxic garbage.

But EPS has proven to be one of the lightest and least costly forms of packaging material, so the industry has worked hard to make recycling it more cost-effective and convenient. More than 80 packaging manufacturers, polystyrene suppliers and equipment makers joined together in 1991 to form the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers (AFPR). The Maryland-based industry association works to facilitate recycling between EPS manufacturers and the companies that buy from them. It currently boasts of over-

## Welcome to the Berghoff

At long last, fans of the famous Berghoff Restaurants, in Chicago have what they've been waiting for: The Berghoff Family Cookbooks: From Our Table to Yours, Celebrating a Century of Entertaining. [Andrew McMeel Publishing, \$29.95, September 2007] by Carlyn Berghoff and Jan Berghoff with Nancy Ross Ryan.

Ever, people who have never enjoyed the schnitzel or the strudel at the Berghoff will love reading the history of the Berghoff family, a fixture in Chicago for more than 100 years. And everyone will love the traditional Berghoff recipes — including the never-before-published recipe for Creamed Spinach — as well as favorites from fourth-generation Carlyn Berghoff's Artistic Events catering company.

Nine chapters filled with 150 recipes and a final chapter on making entertaining easy provide all that's needed to entertain family and friends. After all, the Berghoffs have been entertaining for more than a century and continue to make family events a big part of their lives. Now Carlyn and Jan share tips that make entertaining simple, including fool-proof formulas for setting up a bar. How to figure how many glasses, napkins, and beverages for the number of guests—even how to calculate how much ice is needed. Menus for meals from a buffet supper to a picnic are created from recipes in the book.

With the book's simple recipes adapted to the home kitchen, anyone can now cook and serve all the famous Berghoff's dishes—the traditional Creamed Spinach, Wiener Schnitzel, Apple Strudel! [the secret is in the crumbs], and Black Forest Cake. You'll also discover recipes that have made Carlyn's Artistic Events famous for the last 20 years: Pesto Cheesecake, Shrimp Martini, and divine little Sacher Torte Cakes. Beautiful color food images in every chapter were photographed on location at the Berghoff.

Inconversational and reassuring style, Carlyn and Jan take the worries out of entertaining, making it so easy you can now have fun at your own party. CHEERS!

The Berghoff Family Cookbook: From Our Table to Yours, Celebrating a Century of Entertaining by Carlyn Berghoff and Jan Berghoff with Nancy Ross Ryan —Andrews McMeel Publishing, I.L.C.—I.S.B.N. 078-0-7307-6362-5=Price \$29.95 [\$37.50 Canada]-Hardcover 8x 10, 276 pages.

seeing the recycling of 10-12 percent of the post-consumer EPS packaging produced every year.

Member companies, which provide drop-off services at their facilities, reprocess up to 60 percent of the EPS foam collected and incorporate it directly into new packaging. Some of the material is reformulated and used in a wide variety of durable plastic products. Currently, more than 110 plant locations serve as collection centers which together receive upwards of 50 million pounds of post-consumer EPS packaging each year. AFPR provides a comprehensive list of EPS drop-off locations from coast-to-coast

on its website. While companies sending the EPS in for recycling must bear the shipping or drop-off costs, they may save money over paying for disposal fees at the landfill.

One caveat: AFPR does not get involved in the recycling of the foam "peanuts" so often used as packaging filler. Most "pack-and-ship" shops (like UPS stores) will accept used but otherwise clean foam peanuts to reuse in their own shipments. Otherwise, the Plastic Loose Fill Council, another trade group, runs a free web-based database where users can find a local drop-off center by simply punching in their zip code.

Also, food service managers should bear in mind that recycling of soiled food-grade EPS is more difficult and expensive due to issues of bacterial contamination. Most EPS packaging recycling centers will not accept such tainted foam. Many food service companies have followed the lead of McDonald's and phased-out their use of EPS containers for disposable dishware and to-go orders.

Companies that don't find it convenient to recycle or otherwise dispose of large amounts of EPS (food-grade or otherwise) might want to consider purchasing one or more StyroMelt machines from UK-based Purex. The technology uses a thermal compaction process to reduce the volume of EPS by up to 95 percent. The resulting solid EPS "briquettes" are dense enough to make for good recycling fodder, and also take up much less room than the foam they started out as if they end up in the landfill.

CONTACTS: Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers, [www.epspackaging.org](http://www.epspackaging.org); Plastic Loose Fill Council, [www.loosefillpackaging.com](http://www.loosefillpackaging.com); Purex Styromelt, [www.styromelt.com](http://www.styromelt.com).

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## Palos Hills Police Pension Board announces meetings

The Pension Board meets in the lunch room of the Police Department at 8555 West 103rd St., Palos Hills at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 9, 2007.

The regularly scheduled meetings are August 9, October 23, January 1, 2008, April 22, and July 22. There may be other meeting called for such things as disability hearings. In the case of a special in between meeting, there is a notice posted at City Hall and at the Police Department.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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### THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

With the arrival of Henry, our new golden retriever puppy, calm and quiet evenings at the Whirity house have all but disappeared. He gets into everything! As a mini reprieve, from this rambunctious retriever, we have been feeding him in the laundry room where we close the door while he nibbles on his kibbles. Usually when he's done crunching I'll look to see his shadow laying in front of the door which translates into a bit of a break for me.

This afternoon I got busy with things and soon realized that Henry was not laying behind the closed door. Opening the door I was greeted by the Sunday paper, shredded across the entire floor of the laundry room. The last time I saw the paper it was still in its plastic sleeve on top of the hamper. It was outside for Henry while I cleaned up the mess.

I no sooner had the laundry room all straightened up and there he was - peering in at me through the double doors in the back - his muddy mug and paws were the first clue that our neighbor left his hose running along the fence, creating puddles for Henry to play in. The memories are now flooding back to me to a time when Hannah whirled around the house like a hurricane. She also had her share of taking advantage when our forgetful neighbor would overflow our yard while watering his flowers. One deluxe bath later and and it was hard to remember being frazzled by this charming ball of fluff.

Keeping up with doggie duties is a little more daunting this time around but there are also more rewards now that the girls also have dogs. Little Miss Maizy, Jaime and Dan's Border Collie instantly bonded with Henry. They play from the time Maizy charges in, full blast, until she leaves pooped and all played out. This seems to be a perfect solution for Hannah because playing with puppies is not her favorite pastime since she's turned 28 - that would be in dog years.

And then there's the occasional visit from Katie and her gentle pit bull Teddy. He is as patient and as docile as a kitten and listens better than Crazy Maizy and Hurricane Henry.

I guess if we were to give him a nickname it would be Tender Teddy.

On quiet summer evenings there is a canine connection taking place in our 'bark yard' - our own version of a private dog park.

Maizy and Henry make a striking pair - Maizy with her black and white coat of silk and Henry a beautiful shade of deep golden brown.

We heeded the wise advice that having dogs of opposite gender makes for a more peaceful union.

Since we have always had female dogs it has taken a bit of getting use to calling him a 'he' when we are so often use to saying 'she' when referring to our golden boy.

Tonight we girls will be going out to dinner. While we're gone, two playful pups will have a romp in the yard while Bill supervises puppy play date.

I look at Henry and feel the same joy I felt when Hannah was young, inquisitive and into anything and everything. They all have different personalities. Henry does not nip or bite but he will lick you to death. He likes ripping apart newspapers and he has a favorite spot on the garage that shows signs of his favorite chewing spots.

Keeping a watchful eye on Hop Along Henry is, in itself, an endless job.

He's growing like a weed, and from the looks of his paws it seems he'll be the size a small pony.

But, that's okay. We are enjoying these dog days of summer as we welcome the puppy pranks that take place in our very own 'bark park.'

Hannah, Maizy, Henry and Teddy - a furry foursome who are putting some sizzle in these sun-filled days.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy you the wag of his tail. (Henry Wheeler Shaw.)

Kathy's recently released book LIFE IS A KALEIDOSCOPE is now available for purchase through Infinity publishing. The toll free # is 1-877-BUYBOOK. For an autographed copy please e-mail Kathy <kathywhirity@yahoo.com>

## Worth Township Seniors day at Potawatomi

On Wednesday, September 12, 2007 there is a Potawatomi Bingo-Casino day for Worth Township Seniors. With group camaraderie, make new friends and test your gaming skills! Feel the energy and prepare yourself for a big time with a broad lineup of games like Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Let It Ride, Bonus Poker, Bingo and over 1500 slot machines at Potawatomi Bingo-Casino near downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tables are expensive.

The day tour departs Worth Township, Alsip at 8:45am in a Deluxe Motor Coach. Cost is \$37 per person-net after Casino Package of \$12. A \$20 deposit is due at registration. Final payment is due August 31, 2007. Call Debbie at 708-371-2900 ex 28 before 5pm. The trip returns back to Worth Township, 11601 S Pulaski, in Alsip around 6:30pm. For you

## Chicago Southland Convention Bureau holds annual meeting

Patrick G. Ryan, President and CEO of Chicago 2016, Chicago's official Olympic Bid committee and Executive Chairman of the Aon Corporation, keynotes the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau's (CSCVB) annual Membership Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, September 12 at Tinley Park Convention Center, 18500 S Harlem Ave in Tinley Park.

Ryan will speak on Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic Games and its impact on Chicago, the metropolitan region and the United States, if chosen to host the Games of the XXXI Olympiad. Ryan is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern University, and is director of the Chicago Bears Football Club, Inc.

Many awards received by Ryan include Brigham Young University 2002 International Executive of the Year, Horatio Alger Association of distinguished American Award;

Chicago Leadership Award in 2006 from Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Ryan is a member of Chicago Business Hall of fame and past president of the Economic Club of Chicago.

The event begins at 11:30am with a reception, followed by a noon luncheon and program and concludes at 1:30pm. Reservations are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call CSCVB at 708-895-8200 for reservations

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## What's New in Greater Phoenix?

### ARTS & CULTURE

Graffiti has long been viewed as a public nuisance that costs local governments thousands in tax dollars to clean up. But an exhibition coming to the Phoenix Art Museum hopes to alter this view for the better. "Graffiti," which will grace the museum's Fashion Design Gallery starting Sept. 22, will focus on graffiti's influence on fashion design and trace the urban art form's path to critical acceptance. The exhibit will include works by such fashion designers as Comme des Garçons, Martin Margiela, Stephen Sprouse, Antonio Berardi and Fafi, along with examples of graffiti by such artists as Basquiat and Keith Haring. The exhibition will run until Feb. 24, 2008.

The Hermosa Inn, a boutique hotel in Paradise Valley that was the former home of cowboy artist Lon Megargee, is offering a special package in honor of National Cowboy month this October. The package gives guests the opportunity to improve their painting skills while enjoying the historic inn's many amenities. The package, available Oct. 20-Nov. 18, includes two nights in deluxe casita accommodations for two, breakfast daily, dinner for two at LON's, a "western artful amenity" upon arrival and two tickets to the 42nd Annual Cowboy Artists of America Exhibition at the Phoenix Art Museum. Guests also will get two hours of private art instruction that includes discussion about Western art and the local art community, basic drawing techniques, color mixing and color com-

pliments, creating basic composition, and use of the artist's tools. Art supplies, including watercolors and acrylics, are included.

For the 10th year in a row, Ballet Arizona is kicking off its 22nd season by offering six free community performances. Ballet Under the Stars will take place Sept. 20-29 at various parks throughout Greater Phoenix and will feature excerpts from "Play," artistic director Ib Andersen's newest full-length work, whose world premiere was the finale of Ballet Arizona's 2006-07 season. Shows begin at 7 p.m. For more information on locations, visit [www.balletaz.org](http://www.balletaz.org)

The Phoenix Art Museum's newest photography exhibition, On the Street: The New York School of Photographers, brings together a lively group of 60 black-and-white images of street life seen through the lenses of 18 New York School photographers. The collection covers city life from 1910 through the 1960s and includes works from Diane Arbus, Weegee, Lisette Model, Helen Levitt, William Klein, and Garry Winogrand. On the Street: The New York School of Photographers is organized by the Center for Creative Photography and Phoenix Art Museum, and is presented in the museum's Doris and John Norton Gallery for the Center for Creative Photography. This rare and incredible perspective of New York will be on display through September 2.

After much anticipation and an extensive search, The Phoenix has named Frank Belosic the Chef de Cuisine at the resort's renowned Mary Elaine's restaurant. Formerly the executive sous chef at The Phoenixian, Belosic brings extensive knowledge of the

resort's premium dining standards along with 15 years of expertise at highly acclaimed restaurants across the United States. While executive sous chef at The Phoenixian, Belosic worked with Executive Chef Paul Carter to ensure excellence in daily operations, supervising a staff of more than 170 within nine kitchen operations on the grounds of the AAA Five Diamond resort.

After a stroll through the more than 300 exhibits at the Arizona Science Center, visitors are invited to dine at the new CityBakery. The latest addition to the Science Center serves all-organic foods, uses only biodegradable utensils and features a full children's menu.

Thanks to a distinctive blend of fashion, entertainment and ambiance, Scottsdale's latest restaurant, Canal at Southbridge, is destined to leave people talking about more than just the fine cuisine prepared by executive chef Justin Beckett. This one-of-a-kind restaurant, located in the shopping area at Southbridge known as "the Mix," will feature a fashion runway flanked by projection screens that broadcast everything from the latest Milan couture show to inspiring artistic imagery. The result will be a dining experience never seen in Scottsdale, with a celebrity-friendly vibe that will cater to the city's most in-the-know residents. Canal is scheduled to open in October.

### RESORT NEWS

Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa is offering a special VIP package for the third annual Phoenix Cooks! Event this Labor Day weekend. The two-night, three-day package (Aug. 31-Sept. 2) is tailored for food and wine aficionados who want

to experience a weekend full of culinary adventures. The package includes a luxuriously appointed room and a VIP chef's amenity, as well as admission to the Parade of Chef's Reception, the Gourmet Food & Kitchen Show, the Wine Maker Dinner and the Chef's Champagne Brunch. The Phoenix Cooks! Package is \$399 per person for double occupancy or \$499 for single occupancy.

On July 9 the Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North broke ground on a series of significant property enhancements. The approximately \$14 million project at the Five Diamond resort includes a complete casita and suite makeover, as well as a transformation of the lobby, Lobby Lounge and Acacia restaurant. The resort's 210 guest rooms and suites will get custom furnishings and a complete soft-goods makeover. All guest rooms and suites also will receive a technological enhancement that includes wireless Internet, flat-screen televisions, MP3 player docking stations and electronic private bars. Many of the enhancements are expected to be complete by the end of December.

### SPA

Abhyanga Massage, an ancient Ayurvedic ritual that cleanses the body and balances the doshas, is now offered as a signature service at The Red Door Spa at The Wigwam. An exotic, holistic treatment rooted in India's "Science of Life" philosophy, Abhyanga uses specially selected oils and gentle, rhythmic techniques to calm the nerves and drain toxins. Benefits of this massage include increased circulation to nerve endings, toning of the muscles, calming of the nerves, lubrication of the joints, increased mental alertness, softer skin, increased levels of stamina and deeper sleep. Abhyanga is offered in 50- and 80-minute sessions and cost \$135 and \$195.

To assist the body's battle against the torrential downpours and blowing dust of Greater Phoenix's monsoon season, the Aji Spa at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass has created a new spa package designed to nourish your skin, hair and face. The Monsoon Package includes a Native Sun Wrap to moisturize sun-exhausted skin, an Aji Rain

Facial for deep cleansing, and a shampoo and blow-dry in the Aji Salon. This package is available at a discounted summer rate of \$279 through the end of August.

Guests at the Willow Stream Spa at The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess can revive their health regimen and enjoy a complimentary spa lunch with the summer Strive and Revive Combo. This combo includes a 60-minute, indoor, personal-training session with one of the spa's fitness gurus; a 45-, 60- or 90-minute massage; and a complimentary spa lunch. The 60-minute personal training session is priced at \$89 and massages start at \$145. The Strive and Revive Combo is available through Sept. 15.

### SHOPPING

The first Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Arizona has opened its doors to an eager public. The 70,000-square-foot megastore sells everything you need for a great outdoor adventure, from golf balls and kayaks to climbing gear and archery equipment. The store also features an indoor shooting and archery range, a putting green and golf simulator, 33,000 gallons of aquariums, a casting pond for fisherman, a NASCAR simulator, and taxidermy displays. The new Bass Pro Shop is located in west Mesa, minutes away from Downtown Phoenix and Sky Harbor International Airport.

### GOLF

The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa invites golf enthusiasts to play a round on the resort's championship course while giving back to a local charity. All proceeds from the fourth annual Charity Golf Tournament on Aug. 22 will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Arizona. The tournament package price is \$75. It includes a welcome gift, continental breakfast before tee-

off, 18 holes of golf on the championship layout of the Adobe Course (cart and green fees included), and lunch (with prize raffle) in the resort's Gold Room.

## Grief Support Program session begins in September

Grieving the death of a loved one early in a child's experience happens more often than we know and in life it is a traumatic experience for a child. In order to provide and meet this need for support and guidance to families grieving, Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers created The Heart Connection, a children's grief support program.

This program was founded in 1995 with a mission to help grieving children and their parents and guide them to a place of hope and continued healing. Today The Heart Connection has served more than 600 children ranging in age from five to eighteen years of age. Children are placed in similar age groups and experience of loss.

Dedicated and caring professionals guide the children, helping them to understand and express the feelings associated with missing their loved one. Through creative art activities, music and sharing, they find healthy ways to cope and find the necessary support that will begin the healing process.

The next Heart Connection session begins on Monday, September 17, 2007 from 6s for nine weeks. There is no fee, but preregistration is required as space is limited. Call Pastoral Care at Little Company at 708-229-5484.



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## Southwest Symphony sets 2007-08 calendar

Under the direction of Musical Director David Crane, the Southwest Symphony Orchestra (SSO) has set the 2007-08 calendar of events. Last season SWS Orchestra increased its audience base by more than 15% resulting in the highest attendance in twenty years. This speaks to the community's growing appetite for quality arts in the region.

The season opens on September 9 with a stylish fundraiser 'Una Serata in Toscana' on the exquisite grounds of Montefiore, featuring, wine, cuisine and members of SSO in an ensemble in concert. Reservations are \$75. Call 708-802-0686.

SSO takes the stage on October 20 at 8pm at Ozinga Chapel on the campus of Trinity Christian College (TCC) in a concert of German and Slavic Masters. The programming includes 1<sup>st</sup> cellist Robert Hauser in Hayden's Cello Concerto in D major, Allegro moderato. The program also includes Kodaly's Hary Janos Suite and Tchaikowsky's Symphony No 2 (Little Russian).

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am there is an Educational Concert-What Instrument Floats Your Boat? Andrew Corporation sponsors it. Students of all ages will discover for themselves, with a little nudging by the SSO, just what their favorite instrument(s) might be. The event is at TCC. 6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, Illinois (Rt. 83 west of Ridgeland)

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm is Christmas Remembrances at Queen of Martyrs Church (QMC) with various choirs in a community favorite holiday concert with SSO. Singing will be Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley, Alice Maguire, Director, Queen of Martyrs Music Ministry, Carol Prendergast, Director. QMC is located 3550 W 103<sup>rd</sup> St, Chicago.

In 2008 the following events are scheduled. Youth Concerto Contest Winners and Rochmaninoff are February 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at TCC. This presents two winners of the SSO's Youth Concerto Contest. Dr Robert & Julie Heck sponsor this event. All you competitors practice up now.

Symphonic Pops: A Rhapsodic Evening is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at TCC. It features acclaimed pianist Elizabeth Joy Roe in Gerswin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Also in the programming are "West Side Story" by Bernstein, "Tap Dance Concerto" by Gould and "Carmen Suite No. 1" by Bizet.

Immortal Beethoven is April 12 at 8pm at TCC. This is a performance of the famous Symphony No. 9. The combined chorus is from St. Xavier University, Carolyn Brady Riley, Director, Grand Prairie Singers, Director TBA, and Oak Lawn Park District, Voices of the Valley, Alice Maguire, Director.

Beethoven and other composers programmed this season have indeed pressed out some glorious sounds. Season tickets are now available. Price range is \$15 student to \$60 adult. Call 708-802-0686.

## Jazz Festival at Symphony Center and Grant Park is celebrated

The City of Chicago 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Jazz Festival; is August 30-September 2, beginning with a ticketed concert at Chicago symphony Center on Aug. 30 and then three days of free music in Grant Park.

Herbie Hancock Quartet is a true icon of modern music. He opens the Jazz Festival at Symphony Center at 7:30pm. Call 312-294-3000 for tickets. Hancock has an illustrious career spanning five decades and continues to amaze audiences and never ceases to expand what jazz is all about today.

On Monday, August 27 at 6:30pm the week long celebration begins with a free concert at Millennium Park's renowned Jay Pritzker Pavilion, titled "Chicago Jazz Philharmonic On Tap: Songs from Chicago Songbook." Orbert Davis' 50+ piece orchestra is one of the most versatile large orchestras anywhere and certainly Chicago's most adventurous unit.

On Tuesday, August 28 join the Jazz Institute of Chicago at their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual gala in concert at Harris Theatre, 205 E Randolph Drive. 'A Night in Havana: Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie' features Dizzy's protégé, Jon Faddis, bebop

inventor James Moody, Cuban pianist, drummer and bassist with master percussionist, Giovanni Hidalgo. For concert tickets and information call 312-334-7777.

There is a free concert Thursday, at 6pm at the Chicago Cultural Center in Preston Bradley Hall, 78 E Washington. The Anat Cohen Quartet performs.

Chicago Jazz Fest opens daily at 11am at Grant Park with music beginning at noon Aug 31. There are three stages of free music. They are Jazz on Jackson, Jazz and heritage Family Stage and the Petrillo Music Shell for three evenings of spectacular jazz performances, tributes and entertainment. A complete lineup can be found on [www.chicagोजazzfestival.us](http://www.chicagोजazzfestival.us)

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages all to take public transportation to all lakefront festivals.

## Hubbard Street Dance Chicago announces 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season and has announced its initial plans for the 2007-08 season. The 2007 Fall Series will be expanded to two weeks September 26-October 7 and a Spring Series in 2008 is planned for March 26-April 5. Performances are at Chicago's Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park. HSDC have planned the fifth collaboration with The Chicago Symphony and participation in a Moscow dance festival along with domestic tours throughout the season.

Both series at Harris Theater include specially priced Family Matinees by Hubbard Street 2. Dates are Saturday, September 29, 2007 and Saturday April 5, 2008.

The program with CSO is slated January 11, 2008 and programming will be announced by CSO. The Russian debut is at the Moscow International Contemporary Dance festival DANCEINVERSION is in November. . . . .

Artistic Direct HSDC, Jim Vincent has announced that two highly respected individuals from the international dance community have been appointed to new positions to coordinate the artistic activities of HSDC. Glenn Edgerton is the new associate artistic director and Kristen D Brogdon is the artistic administrator.

Edgerton has 29 years experience in the professional dance world, more recently the artistic director of the acclaimed Nederlands Dans Theatre for 10 years and 11 years with Joffrey Ballet. In 2006 he was the Director of Colburn Dance Institute in Los Angeles. Brogdon has held a variety of dance-related positions at Kennedy Center in Washington DC since 1998. In 2004 she was director of dance programming at the Center's Ballet and Modern Dance and general manager of The Suzanne Farrell Ballet at the Center.

Vincent welcomes both persons to expand the horizons as we look to the

next 30 years and he anticipates new opportunities for HSDC and is thrilled for them to join the artistic team.

## CST stages Cymbeline for 21<sup>st</sup> season kick off

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre Artistic Director Barbara Gaines kicks off the Theatre's 21<sup>st</sup> season with her staging of Cymbeline. The production runs September 1 through November 11, 2007. Cymbeline is a fairytale about love, fidelity, forgiveness, hope and deception. It is performed in the Courtyard Theatre. Call the box office for tickets at 312-595-5600.

Gaines cast includes Larry Yando, Juan Chioran, Chaon Cross, and the latter who is to play the greatest female roll in Shakespeare characters. Original music is composed by Rokko Jans and Lindsey Jones.

Others on the creative team are Michael Philippi (scenic design), Susan E Mickey (costume design), Philip Rosenberg (lighting design), L. Jones (sound design) and Melissa Veal (wig and makeup design.)

Performances are Tuesday at 7:30pm, Wednesday 1 and 7:30pm, Thursday 7:30pm, Friday 7:30pm, Saturday 3 and 8pm and Sunday 7pm. Tickets range \$54-\$70 depending on day.

## Auditions for fall production

Beverly Theatre Guild will hold auditions for the fall production of "A Few Good Men" at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, Oak Lawn, on Sun., Aug. 26, 2 to 5:30 p.m. and Mon., Aug. 27, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Callbacks, if needed, are scheduled for Thurs., Aug. 29, 7 to 9:30 p.m. The play will be performed Oct. 26, 27 and 28 at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago. For more information, email [BeverlyTheatreGuild@juno.com](mailto:BeverlyTheatreGuild@juno.com)

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Games will be set up, including horseshoes, bean bag toss, dunk tank, face painting and water fun for the kids. Special entertainment from **The Skylarks** all afternoon.

On Sunday August 19th the Grand Raffle Drawing will take place - enter your chance to become one of the lucky winners. First prize is \$15,000 - only 650 tickets will be sold! Buy one for yourself or enter with your family and friends. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased on either day of the picnic weekend, or before then by calling the parish Rectory at (708) 424-7471. ....Get your ticket early before they're gone !! **Raffle at 4 PM.**

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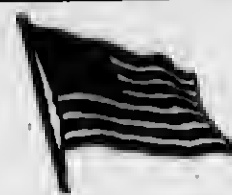
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### Orland Fire Protection District Touts Fire Based EMS Response

Fire District Personnel Take Message to Community

ORLAND PARK, ILL. — The Orland Fire Protection District is taking its Fire Based Response Plan to the communities it serves. Fire and emergency medical service personnel are addressing civic and community groups to explain the life saving advantages of the district's response plan that went into effect in October, 2006.

With the new system, when an emergency call is received — regardless of its nature — an EMS equipped fire truck or engine responds. The district has adopted the mantra, "the best for the most," meaning the best-trained personnel and equipment being available to serve the most people.

"The Orland Fire Protection District is trying to reach a national benchmark to get personnel to a call within five minutes," explained Orland Fire Protection District Board President Patrick Maher.

"Each of these vehicles has advanced life support equipment and emergency medical supplies and are staffed by paramedics," he added.

Deputy Fire Chief Bryant Krizik added, "Our ambulances also carry state-of-the-art twelve lead EKG cardiac monitors that further increase the level of service provided by our emergency medical service personnel."

The Orland Fire Protection District responds to an average of 8500 calls per year, with more than 60 percent being medical re-

sponses. Each day, there is a minimum of ten staffed dedicated companies in Orland Park, Orland Hills and unincorporated Orland Township, staffed by a minimum of 26 firefighter/paramedics.

"In order to provide the best level of patient care, we respond to every emergency medical call with a minimum of five personnel. Orland's firefighter/paramedics are additionally certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP)," Krizik explained.

Orland Fire Battalion Chief Raymond Kay oversees the district's Emergency Medical Services Program. Stressing the district's quest to meet the national benchmark for response times, Kay explained, "When a person's heart stops or if someone stops breathing, it is imperative that life saving care arrive within four to six minutes."

"This is one of the key elements of the district's new means of deployment. Getting a crew to the scene as quickly as possible saves lives. That's the bottom line," Kay added.

"Each first responding vehicle is equipped with advanced life support equipment and are paramedic staffed, in addition to having firefighting and rescue capabilities," Kay noted.

Lieutenant Randy Reeder, who served on the district's deployment task force, explained, "The engines and trucks are strategically located at the stations throughout the district to be able to reach anywhere in their stills in less time."

"When the engine or truck arrives, the paramedics assess and stabilize the patient. When the ambulance arrives within the next few minutes, that crew

transports to the hospital and the truck or engine is free to take other calls," Reeder explained.

Reeder added, "We now have a minimum of ten dedicated Advanced Life Support Companies with six of them being 'primary provider' fire engines or trucks that are truly the first line of defense, regardless of the nature of the call."

"If it's a fire, rescue or emergency medical service response, Orland Fire has now set the foundation for its future and have performance benchmarks to proactively add more companies as funds become available or as the level of service demands dictate," Maher said.

Prior to Orland Fire's change in deployment last year, the stations were empty if the ambulance was out on a call.

"Just a few years ago, our crew from Station #3 delivered a baby on the apron of the driveway at Station #6," Reeder recalled, "Our crew was sent over because the ambulance at Station #6 was transporting to the hospital for another call, and thus the entire station and still was unprotected. By the time we arrived, the baby had already been born and was on the floorboard of the car — thankfully healthy," Reeder added. "Regrettably, this was not an isolated incident. The trend of back to back emergency responses is now the norm, not the exception."

"Seventy percent of the time, when one call comes in, a second will soon follow," Krizik noted. "With the new deployment system, we dispatch the closest vehicle to the address calling for help, being able to do the same with the subsequent call," he explained, adding that each of the fire district's vehicles is GPS equipped (Global Positioning System) that shows which vehicle is closest to where the help is needed.

"We upgraded our dispatching software from a static response to Dynamic Dis-

patch," Krizik explained. "This way we're proactive with how we strategically dispatch responses to calls for help," he added.

"This correlates with the National Fire Protection Association's National Standard 1710 that sets performance benchmarks and functional criteria for not just fire responses, but rescue and EMS calls as well. This is how most of the larger suburban departments are running now," Reeder said.

National Fire Protection Association Standard 1710 requires a minimum of four personnel on the scene of an EMS call.

"In addition to the City of Chicago, other dedicated fire companies operate in Oak Lawn, Downers Grove, Naperville, Lisle-Woodridge, Joliet, Rockford and a number of other areas," Krizik said.

"A distinct advantage that Orland Fire has is that we provide our fire based emergency medical service as Advanced Life Support (ALS) staffed by paramedics. Other agencies oftentimes respond with only Basic Life Support with as few as two personnel," Reeder explained.

"There are significant differences between Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support," Kay explained. "Orland Fire District companies respond with Advanced Life Support," Kay said.

"Orland Fire is one of the few agencies that meets this level of service," Krizik said. "Our protocol now calls for five personnel, which illustrates our 'best for the most' mission and mandate," he added.

Krizik added, "We have dedicated companies assigned to specific vehicles. This has completely changed how the Orland Fire District responds."

"Before, it was like musical chairs when a jump crew would have to wait to find out the nature of the call before deciding which vehicle to

take. That reactive type of response led to confusion, staffing issues, apparatus inefficiencies and most importantly response delays. Now, we get in our assigned vehicle and we're on our way," Reeder said.

"Response times are down. We've had numerous back to back calls and the new deployment method makes specific stations available and able to respond to a lot more calls within their stills," Reeder explained.

"During the first week, three lives were saved because of the new system. A call came in for cardiac and respiratory arrest and we sent the closest company, which arrived with a two to three minute response time," Krizik said.

"This is the best deployment strategy," Maher echoed. "We're sending 'the best for the most,' meaning the best trained and equipped personnel being able to help the most people."

Fire district personnel are available to address local organizations, civic groups, homeowners' associations, etc. For more information, call Deputy Chief Krizik at 349-0074.

### Orland Hills Senior Community News

Calling all Seniors, come and join the Orland Hills Seniors Club which meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 12 [noon] to 2 p.m. at the Orland Hills Community Center located at 16553 South Haven Ave. in Orland Hills. Bingo, cash prizes, refreshments and Fun, Fun, Fun !!! Yearly membership fee of only \$10.00. Received discounted prices on special events. For more information please call the Orland Hills Recreation Department at 708-349-7211.

The Orland Hills Recreation Department / Senior Center will be offering indoor senior jogging/ walking, on our state of the art walking trail, at the Community Center. There is no preregistration required. From Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the fee is \$3.00 for 9 tickets.

Every Monday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be for everyone a Blood Pressure Screening. There is no appointment necessary.

The Orland Hills Recreation Department / Senior Center is located at 16553 South Haven Ave. in Orland Hills, IL. or call 708-349-7211.

### Golden Retriever Rescue Plans Meet & Greet at Orland Park

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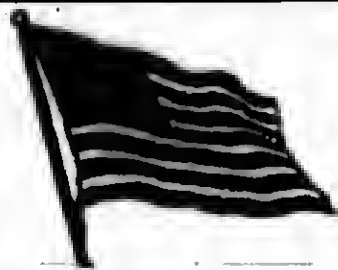
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As Good as Gold - Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois is a membership based, all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, care, and adoption of abandoned, mistreated, or unwanted Golden Retrievers in the Northern Illinois area. In addition, the group educates Golden Retriever guardians and the general public about responsible pet ownership, including spaying/neutering, positive training methods, diet and exercise, medical needs, and humane care. For more information, visit [www.asgoodasgold.org](http://www.asgoodasgold.org). The group's adoptable pets are also listed on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com).

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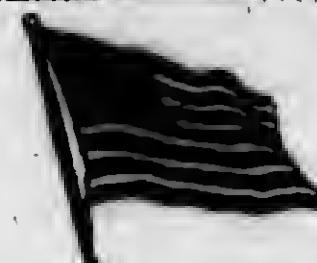
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## Lake Katherine holds programs

All programs will be held at the Lake Katherine Environmental Learning Center. Reservations are required for all programs. Registration and payment for programs must be in person at Lake Katherine no later than the Thursday before the program.

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Cost: Free

Min/Max: 6/16

Day: Saturday

Time: 8:30am-9:30am

Dates: September 1, 8, 22, 29

October 6, 20, 27

Wednesdays Go Wild at Lake Katherine

Drop in anytime between 10:00am and 4:00pm and do a different nature related project each week during the holiday break. Enjoy the nature center and spend a few minutes making a take home project to remember your visit. December 19, 26 and January 2.

Cost: FREE

Family Star Gazing

The Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens will be hosting family astronomy nights. The evening will feature guest astronomer, Joseph Mayer of the Chicago Astronomical Society. Programs will begin with an orientation in the Brigid O'Malley Auditorium, followed by outdoor viewing with telescopes to see various planets and the first phase of the moon.

Cost: \$2.50 per person

\$10.00 per family

Day: Saturday

Date Time

September 22nd 7:00-9:00 p.m.

October 20th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

November 17th 6:00-8:00 p.m.

December 15th 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Lecture Series

Gareth Blakesley, Lake Katherine's natural resources manager, will be presenting a series of Wednesday evening lectures. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Donation

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Max: 90

September 19th - Weather Watching

October 24th - Amphibians of the Chicago Region

November 21st - Butterflies of the Chicago Region

December 19th - Hibernation

Monarch Butterfly Festival

Mark your calendar today, because you don't want to miss Lake Katherine's "buggiest" event of the year. Come and see the spectacular butterflies, and don't forget the other fun, food and frolic for an entire day of family fun. Any child in a butterfly/insect costume will receive a free gift bag (while supplies last) and March in the parade!

Date: Sunday September 23

Time: 11:00am-4:30pm

Cost: There is a small entrance fee

Thursday November 15 9:30-10:30am

Friday November 16 9:30-10:30am

Saturday November 17 10:30-11:30am

**Br-r-r its cold** Investigate what's cold and what's warm, take a walk, sing a song and make a craft.

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Min/Max: 3/10

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Thursday December 13 9:30-10:30am

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## Reduced Shakespeare Company Presents "Completely Hollywood (abridged)" and "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)"

*Chicago Debuts of Two Hilarious Shows Running Simultaneously on the Main Stage at the Royal George Theatre October 7 - December 2*

Chicago - Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the theater, the internationally acclaimed bad boys of abridgement, the Reduced Shakespeare Company, unleash theatrical anarchy on the main stage at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted, with previews beginning October 2, opening October 7 and 9 and running through December 2 for Chicago premieres of two side-splitting comedies: **COMPLETELY HOLLYWOOD (abridged)**, opening Sunday, October 7 at 3 pm, and **THE BIBLE: THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD (abridged)**, opening Tuesday, October 9 at 8 pm.

The good book just got better with **THE BIBLE: THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD (abridged)**, an irreverent roller coaster ride from fig leaves to Final Judgment. Nothing is sacred as the cultural guerrillas from the Reduced Shakespeare Company tackle such great theological questions as did Adam and Eve have navels and did Moses really look like Charlton Heston? Christened "clever," "funny," and "inspired" by the *Washington Post* and "a triumph of good 'n' silly over evil" by *The Boston Globe*, the Reduced Shakespeare Company puts the fun back in fundamentalism with this madcap trip through old time religion.

It's lights! Cameras! Reduction! as the Reduced Shakespeare Company explores the wonderful, wacky world of movies. From the silents to the talkies, the indies to the blockbuster noisies, **COMPLETELY HOLLYWOOD (abridged)** rummages through the reels of Tinseltown's most memorable classics and biggest hits, reducing 200 films into 100 minutes, cutting through the celluloid to give Hollywood a riotous nip and tuck in an epic edit of movie masterpieces.

**THE BIBLE: THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD (abridged)** and **COMPLETELY HOLLYWOOD (abridged)** are written and directed by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, directors of the Reduced Shakespeare Company and authors of the international hits *The Complete History of America (abridged)* (with Adam Long) and *All The Great Books (abridged)*. The Reduced Shakespeare Company is a three-man comedy troupe known for taking long, serious subjects and reducing them into short, sharp comedies. In addition to regular appearances on television and radio, they have performed in 42 states and 17 countries, including performances at the White House and the Kennedy Center and in London's West End.

The preview schedule for **THE BIBLE: THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD (abridged)** is Tuesday, October 2 at 8 pm (\$33), Friday, October 5 at 8 pm (\$33) and Saturday, October 6 at 3 pm (\$33); the regular performance schedule is Tuesdays at 8 pm (\$43), Fridays at 8 pm (\$48), Saturdays at 3 pm (\$48) and Sundays at 7 pm (\$43). The preview schedule for **COMPLETELY HOLLYWOOD (abridged)** is Wednesday, October 3 at 8 pm (\$33), Thursday, October 4 at 8 pm (\$33) and Saturday, October 5 at 8 pm (\$33); the regular performance schedule is Wednesdays at 8 pm (\$43), Thursdays at 8 pm (\$43), Saturdays at 8 pm (\$48) and Sundays at 3 pm (\$48). There will be no 7 pm performance of **THE BIBLE: THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD (abridged)** on Sunday, October 7 and no show on Thursday, November 22, but a special **COMPLETELY HOLLYWOOD (abridged)** performance is scheduled for Friday, November 23 at 3 pm (\$48). When purchasing two or more tickets for both shows, customers will receive a discount of \$5 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Royal George Box Office box office, 1641 N. Halsted, or by phone at 312.988.9000. Tickets can also be purchased through Ticketmaster, 312.902.1500, Ticketmaster.com or all Ticketmaster ticket centers. Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more are available by calling Group Theater Tix at (312) 423-6612 or visiting [www.grouptheatertix.com](http://www.grouptheatertix.com).



## Keith Bilski rolls strikes

This years bowling competition was brutal, but Keith Bilski rolled over the best in the regionals held at Stardust Lanes in Addison, il on Saturday and won his 15th Gold Medal in area 5 Special Olympics.

## Chicago Ridge approves Fire Department contract

by Matt Mayer

The Chicago Ridge Village Board approved a union contract with the fire department at a recent board meeting. A request from Fire Chief Randy Grossi to begin the hiring process for a paid on call firefighter, Stanley Yip, was approved as well as fire department request for Lisa Spalding to begin the annual coloring book solicitation project. This has been a family endeavor, which began with Lisa's father, and then her brother. Lisa, along with her sister Mary, now manages this event. Some 2,000 books are contributed to the fire department for distribution to the children.

The board approved a police department request for tuition reimbursement for Aneta Odle for \$1,104 as well as a business license for World Class Art Corporation at the Mall. Pending further evaluation, a request for a speed bump to be placed at 106th Street and Ridgmont Lane was tabled until the next meeting on Aug. 7 due to a complaint from a resident on 106th Street. The resident claims there was a speed bump at her previous residence, which generated noise all night. Each trustee will visit the location and review the matter prior to a vote taking place.

by Gould and "Carmen Suite No. 1" by Bizet.

Immortal Beethoven is April 12 at 8pm at TCC. This is a performance of the famous Symphony No. 9. The combined chorus is from St. Xavier University, Carolyn Brady Riley, Director, Grand Prairie Singers, Director TBA, and Oak Lawn Park District, Voices of the Valley, Aliee Maguire, Director.

Beethoven and other composers programmed this season have indeed pressed out some glorious sounds. Season tickets are now available. Price range is \$15 student to \$60 adult. Call 708-802-0686.

**Nature Photography Contest**

Every year at our Monarch Butterfly Festival we feature an amateur photography contest. You may enter your favorite photographs taken at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens. Telephone the Nature Center at 708/361-1873 if you have any questions.





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Try ePSYCHICAnswers by phone or online. Currently it's available for the same online fee of \$19.95. My Psychic Impressions are usually looking ahead 6 to 12 months. Call us or go online to JackiMari.Com

Psychic Mini-Sessions available from 7pm at The Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero] August 20<sup>th</sup> [1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon each month]. Appts best/walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for Regular Services [walk-ins welcome].

#### Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers  
Sending Wrong Messages

Jimmy S. of Worth asks, "do you agree that our kids are being sent the wrong messages when rich & famous people [esp. show biz & sports] can do almost anything illegal they want to & only get a fine [which they can afford] or a slap on the hand. Clergy can molest kids & do 1-5 years of time.

But us ordinary folks with median incomes are punished to the hilt for the exact same offenses." You are so right! But my psychic insights tell me that when "ordinary" folks will write letters & speak up for "fairness" in legal matters such as these, there will be an awakening in the movie & sports community that will reach out to all offenders. M.M. says, "I heard Paris Hilton had special food."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

## Take Time for Fun

Update for the week of August 6, 2007

Visit [www.olparks.com](http://www.olparks.com) for more information on upcoming programs and events!!

• The Incredibles -Free Movie in the Park! Come join us Friday, August 17th at Memorial Park (102<sup>nd</sup> St. & Major Ave.) The movie starts at 8 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. \*Please note the change in location from the brochure. The movie will not be at Centennial Park.

• Casting Call - Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" will be held at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St.) on September 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call backs on September 6. Show dates are November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at Oak View Center.

• Preschool Registration - Registration is ongoing for the 2007/2008 Oak Lawn Park District Preschool year. Openings are available in classes #1806, Learn As You Grow II at Little White Building for 4/5 year olds and #1808, PrepSchool at Oak View Center for 4/5 year olds. Registrations will be taken at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St). Bring copy of child's birth certificate at time of registration.

• Renting an OLPDPool - All three of our pools are available for rent for almost any occasion! Call 708-857-5173 to book your rental.

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Central Pool - 94th St. & Kenton Ave. 708/857-8051  
Days/Times Available: Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 6-9 p.m.  
Fee: \$115/Hour/Residents \$175/Hour/Non-Residents

Memorial Children's Pool - 102nd & Major 708-857-2213  
Days/Times Available: Daily 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
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• Stony Creek Practice Center - Enjoy indoor golf indoors and improve your golf game at the Stony Creek Indoor Learning Center, call the pro shop at 708-857-2433 for more info or to schedule your lesson today.

• Golf Simulators - You can play golf everyday at the Stony Creek Golf Course on the newly updated simulators. Enhanced graphics improve your golfing experience as you play over 40 different courses from across the country. Stony Creek Golf Course is located at 5850 W. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn. Call the clubhouse at 708-857-2433 to book a tee time.

• Teen Advisory Group - Oak Lawn Park district is looking to start a Teen Advisory Group. To get your ideas for the Teen Center, open tween & teen hours, trips, programs and events. Please contact Colleen O'Gorman at 708-857-2420 for more information.

## Evergreen Park Farmers Market

Visit the Evergreen Park Farmers' Market every Thursday 7:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. at Yukich field, 90th and Kedzie.

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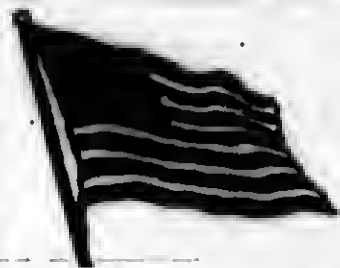


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## Important Tips From The AmberWatch Foundation's "Be Safe!" Program

(NAPSA)-It's important to teach children ways to avoid potentially dangerous situations-particularly when school is out and when parents aren't always around.

According to the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, children and adolescents are among the most common groups to be affected by crime.

The following tips from the AmberWatch Foundation's "Be Safe!" education program could help keep kids safe. The Foundation is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to keeping kids safe through preventative education programs. The goal of the "Be Safe!" curriculum is to teach children and families how to identify and arm themselves against potentially dangerous situations, such as abduction and molestation.

1) Know what emergency numbers to call if you're home alone and you need help.

2) Never give out your name, age, address and phone number on the Internet.

3) Don't get close to any car that slows down or stops near you and never get in the car. No adult should ever need a child to help with directions or to find a lost animal. If a driver tries to get your attention, run in the opposite direction and find a trusted adult.

4) No one should ever touch you where your bathing suit covers. These are NO TOUCH Zones. If this occurs, tell a trusted adult.

5) Keep doors and windows locked when you're alone. Don't let anyone in without your parents' permission.

6) Stay with your parents or a trusted adult when you are in public. If you lose them, go to the nearest security officer or store clerk with a nametag.

7) Never take shortcuts. Always walk along well-traveled streets and follow the route that your parents planned out for you.

8) Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not at home. Just say, "They can't come to the phone right now."

### Home Alone

Check local laws before leaving children home alone. Be certain you are not violating child welfare laws by leaving kids unattended. Then review "home-alone rules" with youngsters. Spot checks are recommended as well.

### What Else You Can Do

Parents can subscribe to AmberWatch Mobile, an easy-to-use service with GPS capabilities designed for wireless service to keep loved ones safe from harm. The application empowers users faced with threatening situations by allowing them to reach out to loved ones in innovative ways, including an e-mail alerting system, location views and schedule checks.

For more information, visit [www.amberwatchfoundation.org](http://www.amberwatchfoundation.org).

Reviewing safety tips with children can help keep them safe.

### LAST CHANCE TO SEE

CSI: The Experience AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY Exhibit Closes Sept. 3

WHAT: Don't miss your chance to solve a crime scene mystery! The popular Museum of Science and Industry summer exhibit, CSI: The Experience is only in Chicago a few more weeks! The exhibit, which had its

world premiere at the Museum, will close Monday, Sept. 3.

Visitors are encouraged to purchase advance tickets online now at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org) to ensure the date and time of their choice in the exhibit's remaining days.

In CSI: The Experience, guests get to play the role of crime scene investigator, learning scientific principles and real investigative techniques as they try to solve one of three crime scene mysteries. Three mock crime scenes allow guests to arrive on the scene and "collect" evidence, while two state-of-the-art crime labs help them to test the evidence to piece together their report.

With input from investigators from the hit CBS television show, along with their real-life forensic science counterparts, guests formulate a hypothesis, validate their findings based on scientific evidence and try to crack the case.

CSI: The Experience was developed by the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History with support from CBS Consumer Products and the National Science Foundation.

WHEN: Through Sept. 3, 2007

WHERE: Museum of Science and Industry 57th and Lake Shore Drive

COST: Timed-entry tickets are on sale online at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org), or by calling (773) 684-1414. General Museum admission plus admission to CSI:

The Experience is \$19 for adults, \$17.50 for seniors and \$14 for children 3-11. This exhibit is geared towards guests ages 12 and older.

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## Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation has a Web site, [www.cffa.org](http://www.cffa.org), and telephone hotline, 1-888-MY-GUT-PAIN, to serve patients, families, primary care providers and friends seeking information, treatment options and support.

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At least 85 percent of homes have carpets, and a typical carpet harbors more than 100,000 dust mites per square yard, as well as assorted molds, bacteria, viruses and allergens. Fortunately, the latest high-tech vacuums, such as the Halo UVX, use ultraviolet light to kill such harmful microorganisms.

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You can save money and hassle by reading through your health plan's "exclusions and limitations." Insurance companies often limit coverage for specific benefits. To learn more, visit [ehealthinsurance.com](http://ehealthinsurance.com).

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To find the right repair shop and how to effectively communicate with technicians and service advisers, start shopping for a repair shop before you need one, advises the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence ([www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com)).

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Nearly 62 percent of U.S. colleges and universities now require or recommend that students own computers. Helpful information about choosing the right tech gear, including unbiased customer ratings and reviews, can be found at the Circuit City Web site: [www.circuitcity.com](http://www.circuitcity.com).

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The southern sea towns of Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island along Florida's Emerald Coast continue to lure vacationers looking for a revitalizing retreat.



## Community in Focus airs on Comcast

Ed McElroy's TV Show, "Community in Focus" will air on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. on Comcast Channel #19. Pictured appearing on the show from the left is Brian Hickey, president and business manager, Operating Engineers, Local #399, Ed McElroy and Col. Eugene Scott, chairman of the Bud Billiken Parade.

## Preschool at Alsip Park District

The Alsip Park District Preschool is designed for youngster's 3 and 4 years of age. Children must be toilet trained. The program exposes the youngsters to math, science, music, art and language arts. There will be field trips and holiday programs. A graduation ceremony is held in May.

The program is divided into two sessions that run September through December and January through May. Information on registration for the second session will be offered in the Fall 2007 brochure. All age requirements must be met by September 1, 2007.

Registration began April 9. Bring a copy of the birth certificate. Alsip Park District is 12521 Kostner Ave., Alsip. Session A is M-F 9-11:30am September 5 to December 14. Fee option 1 R=\$315/NR \$390 (pay by session). B session is M-F at 12:30-3pm. Fee Option 2, R=\$450/NR \$525 (pay by session). Session C T-Th, 9:30-11:30am, September 4-Dec 13, Fee Option 1 R\$230/NR\$305 (pay by session). Payment for the whole year can be made at registration.

To learn more, visit [www.destin-fwb.com](http://www.destin-fwb.com) or call the Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. at (800) 322-3319.

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## Illinois Taxpayers to State Senate: Snuff Out the Cigarette Tax Hike! State Senate to vote on 90-cent per pack cigarette tax increase

Washington D.C. — As the state of Illinois has entered today a record 57th day in overtime budget negotiations, senate Democrats are advancing a proposal to increase the state cigarette tax by 90 cents per pack in addition to a local option tax increase of \$2.00 per pack. Americans for Tax Reform, a taxpayer advocacy group, urges all legislators to oppose this tax increase that would create an additional burden on the hard-working citizens of Illinois.

The increase, which would bring the state tax rate to \$1.88 per pack, would make Illinois smokers one of the highest taxed groups in the nation. If passed, the tax increase would generate between \$330-380 billion in additional revenue for the state to pay off bonds issued to finance school and road construction.

"Tax and spenders in Illinois seem to enjoy digging their hands into taxpayers' pockets and starting a bonfire with their constituents' hard-earned cash," said taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. "Their greed continues to blind them from the reality of cigarette tax hikes: additional tax burden will stifle the state economy and increase smuggling across the state border."

As consumption of cigarettes has dropped in recent years, the state's current 98-cent tax on cigarettes has collected decreasing revenues. Despite a recent 44-cent increase in the cigarette tax in Indiana, many Illinois residents still trek to Indiana and other surrounding states to take advantage of lower tax rates on cigarettes and gasoline.

"Funding state projects with a declining revenue source is just another part of the tax and spend addiction," continued Norquist. "Increasing tax rates on a declining market

will hurt both people and businesses — businesses will lose money as more smokers travel out of the state to buy cigarettes and reliance on a decreasing revenue source will give big spenders an excuse to create a new tax in coming sessions."

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a nonpartisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or at jkartch@atr.org.

## Marist teacher honored with the Cahmpagnat Award

At the close of the 2006-2007 school year long time Marist history teacher Randall Coe was presented with the school's top distinction for faculty, the Champagnat Award.

Hired in 1979, Coe (Tinley Park) is best known him in one of two roles. First, Mr. Coe has taught U.S. history, Western Civilization, Humanities, Advanced Placement European history and Advanced Placement art history. He's well known for his attention to detail, outgoing personality and lecturing over a microphone. Students and parents speak fondly of him and appreciate both his kindness and dedication to his students, as well as his discipline and high expectations.

His other well known role is as the "voice of Marist." Starting in 1980 he announced for all the football games, and in 1982 his role expanded to

## Oak Forest approves ordinance amendments

by Matt Mayer

At the July 24, Oak Forest City Council meeting, the council approved amending an ordinance concerning seizure and impoundment of motor vehicles. The two changes provide clarification for exclusions within the Cannabis (Marijuana) Control Act and additional verbiage regarding the application of additional felony charges.

Other highlights: A resolution regarding the upgrade to the city's 911 emergency telephone communication system was approved. The amended resolution is required so as the Mayor may file the application on behalf of the city. A special use permit request to operate a day care service at Pathway United Methodist Church at 159th Street and Loral Avenue was approved as well as a proclamation request regarding the retirement of Dean Lilly as Chairman of the Environmental Commission.

basketball games as well. For the past 26 years Mr. Coe has never missed a Marist home game for either of those sports. His excitement for the Marist athletes and his desire to rev up the fans is boundless and genuine. He is well-known for his promotion of half price sales at the concession stand late in the game.

Over the years, he's coached chess for a twenty year stint, coached shot and discus for the track team and served as head freshman football coach and assistant sophomore coach for eight years. He also managed to hold the positions of summer school principal and assistant principal of academics for a year each.

He moderated student council for eight years, organizing all that was fun and memorable for Marist students.

The Champagnat Award, named for the founder of the Marist Brothers, St. Marcellin Champagnat, is given to faculty members who have dedicated much of their lives to the Marist mission and community, and who embody the spirit of Marist Brothers founder St. Marcellin Champagnat. Only 11 others have received this distinction.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.



Marist president Br. Rick Carey, FMS '79 (left) and principal Mr. Larry Tucker '79 (right) present Mr. Randall Coe with the Champagnat Award at an all-school assembly. Mr. Coe joins the ranks of only 11 other faculty members who have received the award.

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## Bountiful Mums in Unusual Forms Brighten Up Fall Fall Color, Festivals & Family Fun at the Chicago Botanic Garden

Visitors to the Chicago Botanic Garden will discover unusual forms of mums this fall. They'll be wowed from the start with groupings of bronze "mum ball" containers outside the Visitor Center, cascading mum hayracks over the bridge to the main island, a sea of 2,100 yellow, orange, bronze and red mums in The Crescent and three shades of red "mum ball" containers under trees lining the Esplanade. Japanese-style mums lend their unusual style to the perennial border outside the English Walled Garden and cascading yellow mums brighten up stonewalls in the Elizabeth Hubert Malott Japanese Garden.

Large containers of pink and purple asters in the Heritage Garden show visitors another good option for fall flowers. In the Circle Garden, unusual giant salvias, with red stems and yellow flowers, appropriately named *Salvia madrensis* (Red Neck Girl), are sure to delight. Dark purple violas planted around giant pumpkins at the entrance to the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden spark the imagination for annual combinations with great effect.

Besides fall annuals, visitors will also see an array of interesting fall plants, including many golden weeping willows and red sugar maples; brilliantly colored aquatic plants; sweeps of golden grasses and lush perennials on Evening Island; displays of asters, goldenrods and sunflowers in the Dixon Prairie; and blazing red sumacs and orange serviceberries along the lakeshore.

In the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden Celebrate the bounty of the season at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, Sept. 16. Enjoy chef demonstrations and a farmers' market atmosphere in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden, selling such items as fresh bread, fall produce, baked goods, spices, pumpkins, roasted nuts, taffy apples, seasonal beers and more. Navigate the straw bale maze, make fall-themed crafts and guess the weight of the pumpkin. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Catch the Garden Chef Series, which features cooking demonstrations with fresh, seasonal ingredients at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 7 in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden.

The Garden Chef Series is sponsored by Barilla. The schedule includes:

Sept. 1, David Richards Sweets & Savories/ Barcello, Chicago

Sept. 2 Pedro Martinez Café Central, Highland Park

Sept. 8 Victor DeLeon Donovan's, Chicago

Sept. 9 Mary Ellen Diaz

First Slice Pie Café, Chicago

Sept. 15 Janine MacLachlan The Rustic Kitchen, Chicago

Sept. 16 Leslie Jacobson-Cohen Pear Tree Catering, Buffalo Grove

Sept. 22 John des Rosiers South Gate

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Sept. 29 Greg Mistak

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Sept. 30 Brian Wright  
Rosebud, Highland Park  
Oct. 6 Malika Ameen Aigre  
Doux, Chicago  
Oct. 7 Rick Jansen  
The Tavern, Libertyville

Additional activities in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden this fall include plant giveaways on Wednesdays to Sundays through Sept. 30 and family drop-in activities on Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 7.

In honor of the Jewish harvest holiday Sukkot, or "The Festival of Booths," the Chicago North Shore Section of the National Council of Jewish Women create a sukkah, on display from Sept. 30 through October 3. Families are invited to take part in arts and crafts activities to decorate the sukkah from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30.

### More Family Activities

Drop by the Elizabeth Hubert Malott Japanese Garden for folk tales and hands-on art activities related to Japanese arts and culture on Malott

Japanese Garden Family Sundays, on Sept. 2 and 16 and Oct. 7. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Model Railroad Garden, which is open daily through Oct. 28, will be decorated for Halloween during a special "Trains, Tricks & Treats" event on Saturday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come trick-or-treat for prizes throughout the 7,500-square-foot garden. Visitors of all ages will delight in the sights and sounds of 15 garden-scale trains, including two special "spooky" trains run by engineers.

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### RON HAWKING EXTENDS "THE MEN AND THEIR MUSIC" AT CHICAGO'S MERCURY THEATRE

Due to popular demand and rave reviews, Chicago's Entertainer Ron Hawking will once again extend his new show The Men and Their Music at Chicago's Mercury Theatre (3745 N. Southport). Tickets for a new block of performances from September 14 through October 28, 2007 will go on sale Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

The Men and Their Music celebrates the greatest male vocalists of all time — featuring a live orchestra, back-up vocalists and acclaimed showman Hawking as the headliner. The show features a repertoire of iconic numbers from music legends including Frankie Valli, Bobby Darin, Ray Charles, Lou Rawls, Burt Bacharach, Johnny Mathis, Nat King Cole, Andrea Bocelli, Barry Manilow and many others.

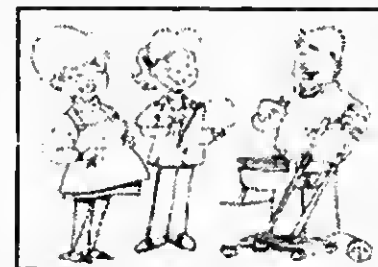
Dubbed Chicago's Entertainer, Ron Hawking returns to Chicago following the successful and critically acclaimed long-run of His Way — A Tribute to the Man and His Music, an homage to the late and great singer Frank Sinatra. After running for nearly a year at the Mercury Theatre, Hawking continued to breathe new life into these legendary tunes around Chicago for the following six years. Expanding on the thriving demand for the musical style of artists like Sinatra, Ron Hawking returned to the Chicago stage in June 2007 with The Men and Their Music.

Ron Hawking's success is rooted in his ability to seamlessly step in and out of each personality he portrays on the stage. Going well beyond simply creating an impersonation, Hawking has an uncanny talent to re-interpret and redeliver each

song with the same charm and charisma that made the original artists so beloved. With classic style and sophistication, Hawking's new show, The Men and Their Music, is the perfect reflection of the energy and enthusiasm of big band music, Vegas lounge singers and musical legends.

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## Burbank Fall Registration made easy

Resident registration for all Fall Programs begins Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> at Newcastle Park Recreation Center. Non resident registration begins Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Register early for all the great programs the Burbank Park District has to offer this fall.

### Preschool

Our Preschool program is designed to assist the preschooler in learning to follow directions, getting along with others and developing the basic skills for Kindergarten. Children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2007 to enable the

child to attend Kindergarten the following year. Birth certificates and immunization records are required at time of registration. Choose either the M/W/F class at \$109 for residents, \$150 for non residents or the T/TH class at \$89 for residents, \$125 for non residents. Session 1 begins September 17<sup>th</sup>. You can register at any time for Preschool.

### Playschool

The Playschool program is designed for children who will be going to Kindergarten in two years or less. In this early childhood program, students work towards mastering fine motor and socialization skills. Children will participate in singing and movement games, seasonal arts and crafts and other fun filled activities that develop the social and educational needs of 3 and 4 year olds. Children must be potty trained and out of diapers. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2007. Birth certificates and immunization records are required at time of registration. Choose either the M/W/F class at \$109 for residents, \$150 for non residents or the T/TH class at \$89 for residents, \$125 for non residents. Session 1 begins September 17<sup>th</sup>. You can register at any time for Playschool.

For more information call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.

## Willow Springs Family Fun Day

Willow Spring will have Family Fun Day on Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. The event will take place in the Village Hall parking lot located at One Village Circle. Activities include DARE & Internet Safety presentation, the Fire safety trailer, face painting, raffle, coloring contests. A presentation from local social clubs will also be present. Should substantial rain occur, the event will be held in the Willow Springs School Gym located at 8345 Archer.



## Improving student learning with 21<sup>st</sup> century data systems

Legislation was introduced by US Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Joseph Biden (D-DE), Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Mark Pryor (D-AR), and Bernie Sanders (D-VT) to fund the creation and use of statewide data systems to track student progress over time.

The Senators are to be commended for introducing legislation that addresses a fundamental challenge to improving American education—providing accurate, up-to-date information about each student's academic performance that is used to improve his or her individual learning experience.

"Modern data systems enable manufacturers to know exactly where thousands of parts are every minute, but in most states, educators can't easily access or evaluate the data that is essential to informing decisions that will help to improve students' academic achievement. From using test scores for quick feedback to help teachers focus on each student's needs to knowing exactly how many students are graduating each year. Developing good data systems is critical to improving education and making schools accountable. Simply having information and statistics does not mean that students' academic needs are being adequately addressed" indicated Bob Wise, President of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former Governor of West Virginia.

"Whether for the teacher in a classroom or the legislator in a committee meeting room, good data systems will mean better decision-making that improves individual student performance, increases academic achievement, and raises graduation rates. One of the most effective uses of 21<sup>st</sup> century data systems is identifying each student's educational needs and tailoring solutions that lead to academic success."

The bill introduced by Senator Brown and his colleagues would provide funding to states, on a competitive basis, to develop the data systems to provide valu-

able information in a useful format to parents and educators in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The bill also provides critical funding to every state to train teachers on the use of student data to improve classroom instruction and student learning.

By helping states improve the way data is collected and used, the federal government makes a relatively small investment for a large return that supports the reform of our nation's high schools. For more information on the bill that was introduced August 3, please visit the web at <http://www.all4ed.org/legislative/DataBill.html>.

## Military News

Army National Guard Pvt. James A. Tooley III has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the brother of Jeanette Tooley of S. Karlov Ave., Alsip, Ill.

Air Force Airman Timothy J. Fox has arrived for duty at Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Mo. Fox, a security forces apprentice, is assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron. He is the son of Michael J. and Mary P. Fox of Wisteria Court, Palos Park, Ill. The airman is a 2006 graduate of Stagg High School, Palos Park.

Candice Z. Jones has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The 28-day course is a leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their

sophomore and junior college years. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their college. The Army observes and evaluates cadets to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training.

The cadet is a student at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She is the daughter of Samuel T. and Paula Z. Jones of S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, Ill. Jones is a 2005 graduate of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

Army Spec. Matthew C. Lutzke has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Lutzke is a 1997 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School, Tinley Park, Ill.

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## Questions and Answers from Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk: How is it that flushing cat litter down the toilet has negatively affected sea otters? What is the responsible way to dispose of cats' waste? — Margo Boss, San Dimas, CA

According to Dr. Melissa Miller of the California Department of Fish and Game, cat feces can contain *Toxoplasma gondii*, a parasite that gets into feline systems from the eating of infected rodents, birds or other small animals. When cats later expel these parasites in their droppings—sometimes hundreds of millions at a time—each can survive in soil for over a year and also contaminate drinking water.

Most municipal sewage treatment systems are not designed to filter out *Toxoplasma*, and so the parasites also get into storm drains and sewage outflows that carry them out to near-shore ocean waters. Here, researchers have found, sea otters prey on mussels, crabs and other filter feeders that can concentrate *Toxoplasma*. Hundreds of sea otters have been found dead on California beaches in recent years with no obvious external injuries, and Miller and other scientists think that *Toxoplasma* may be the cause.

There are other possible culprits, too, including toxic algae blooms caused by urea, an ingredient in fertilizer, and the plethora of other man-made pollutants that end up in ocean waters. But California's legislature last year nonetheless passed a bill to protect sea otters, in part by requiring that all cat litter sold in the state carry a warning label advising cat owners to not

flush cat litter or dispose of it in storm drains.

*Toxoplasma* can also cause health problems for people, especially those with compromised immune systems (such as AIDS patients). While not typically fatal in humans, *Toxoplasmosis*, as the disease is called, can also cause birth defects, blindness and/or brain damage in children born to infected mothers.

The best way to avoid the infection is to use plastic gloves when changing the litter box and to wash hands thoroughly afterwards. It is also advisable to stay away from raw or undercooked meat and uncooked or unwashed vegetables that may have been contaminated by manure (although felines are the parasites' primary host, other warmblooded animals and birds can also be carriers). *Toxoplasmosis* doesn't normally spread from person to person (with the exception of pregnant women, who can pass it on to their fetuses), but in rare instances it has contaminated blood transfusions and organs donated for transplantation.

So what's a responsible cat owner to do about dumping the contents of their cat's litter box? According to Dr. Patricia Conrad, a veterinarian and parasitologist at the University of California at Davis who has studied *Toxoplasma* contamination in sea otters, cat owners can start by keeping their cats inside, where they are not able to hunt the small animals that can pass *Toxoplasma* along to them in the first place. (Bird lovers have been requesting this for years.)

Those cat owners unwilling to keep their cats inside should do their part by at least not flushing cat litter or cat feces down the toilet. Cat fecal material should be placed in double plastic bags and included in the household trash. As such it will end up in the landfill where precautions are taken to prevent environmental contamination.

CONTACTS: "What's Killing California Sea Otters?" [www.scaotterresearch.org](http://www.scaotterresearch.org); "Parasite in Cats Killing Sea Otters," [www.research.noaa.gov/spotlite/archive/spot\\_otter.html](http://www.research.noaa.gov/spotlite/archive/spot_otter.html).

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### EARTH TALK

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: How can we get schools to offer healthier and more eco-friendly cafeteria food to our kids? I don't have time to bag a healthy lunch every day. — Leslie Morris, Richmond, VA

Now that many schools have stopped selling sodas and other unhealthy vending machine items to their students, improving the nutritional quality of cafeteria food is on the agenda of many parents and school administrators. And luckily for the environment, healthier food usually means greener food.

Some forward-thinking schools are leading the charge by sourcing their cafeteria food from local farms and producers. This saves money and also cuts back on the pollution and global warming impacts associated with transporting food long distances. And since many local producers are turning to organic growing methods, local food usually means fewer pesticides in kids' school lunches.

Alarmed by childhood obesity statistics and the prevalence of unhealthy foods offered to students in schools, the Center for Food and Justice (CFJ) in 2000 spearheaded the national Farm to School lunch program. The program connects schools with local farms to provide healthy cafeteria food while also supporting local farmers. Participating schools not only obtain food locally, they incorporate nutrition-based curriculum and provide students with learning opportunities through visits to the local farms.

Farm to School programs now operate in 19 states and in several hundred school districts. CFJ recently received significant support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to expand the program to more states and districts. The group's website (link below) is loaded with resources to help schools get started.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) also runs a Small Farms/School Meals program that boasts participation in 400 school districts in 32 states. Interested schools can check out

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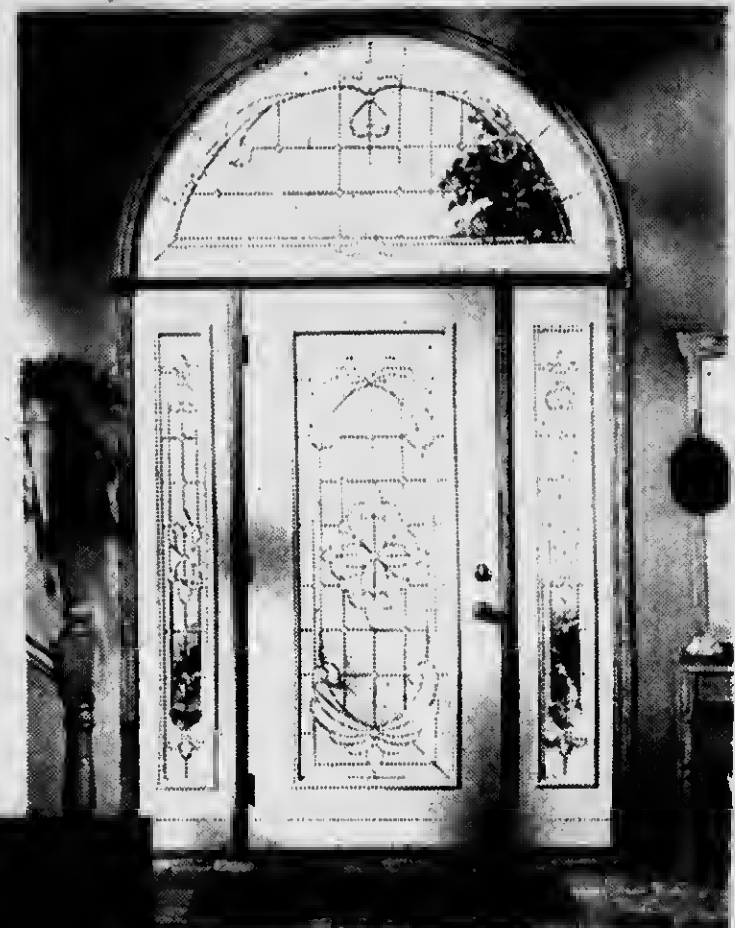
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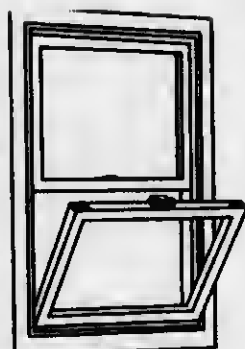
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the agency's "Step-by-Step Guide on How to Bring Small Farms and Local Schools Together," which is available free online.

Other schools have taken the plunge in their own unique ways. In Berkeley, California, noted chef Alice Waters holds cooking classes in which students grow and prepare local organic fruits and vegetables for their peers' school lunch menus. And as documented in the film, "Super Size Me," Wisconsin's Appleton Central Alternative School hired a local organic bakery that helped transform Appleton's cafeteria fare from offerings heavy on meat and junk food to predominantly whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Of course, parents can ensure that their children eat well at school by forgoing the cafeteria offerings altogether and sending their kids to school with healthy bag lunches. For on-the-go parents unable to keep up with a daily lunch making regimen, innovative companies are beginning to sprout up that will do it for you.

Kid Chow in San Francisco, Health e-Lunch Kids in Fairfax, Virginia, New York City's KidFresh and Manhattan Beach, California's Brown Bag Naturals will deliver organic and natural food lunches to your kids for about three times the price of a cafeteria lunch. But prices should change for the better as the idea catches on and more volume brings costs down.

**CONTACTS:** Farm to Schools, [www.farmtoschool.org](http://www.farmtoschool.org);

USDA Small Farms/School Meals Initiative, [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/Downloadable/small.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/Downloadable/small.pdf); Kid Chow, [www.kid-chow.com](http://www.kid-chow.com), Brown Bag Naturals, [brownbagnaturals.com](http://brownbagnaturals.com); Health e-Lunch Kids, [healthelunchkids.com](http://healthelunchkids.com); Kidfresh, [kidfresh.com](http://kidfresh.com).

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## Financial Facts Every Couple Should Know

*Ten questions to ask your spouse*  
By Sandor Grossman  
GT Wealth Management, LLC

**CHICAGO** — When couples decide they want to get married, often one topic of discussion is finances. How will the wedding be paid for? How will the honeymoon be paid for? Who will pay for what? After the honeymoon is over, many couples realize that they failed to discuss many other important financial details.

It's hard to think about what you would do if something happened to you or your spouse, or worse, both. What's even scarier is what could happen if you don't discuss your finances while you're together. The harsh reality is every marriage

eventually ends in divorce or death. That reality is something we can't control, but we can control our financial lives.

You and your spouse should be able to answer these 10 questions about your finances. If there are questions you can't answer, take the time to sit down as a couple and figure out where you stand. You'll be thankful you did!

**How much do you have coming in and going out?** Although the answer may not make you feel very comfortable, that is exactly why it's important to know. The story for many couples is that more money is going out than coming in, but the first step to overcoming overspending is to recognize it.

### Do you have a set budget?

After you realize exactly how much is coming in and going out, create a budget. Start by listing all the fixed expenses you have, like your mortgage, car payments, credit card bills, utilities, etc. After you deduct all the fixed expenses from your income, take a hard look at what's left. You should not be spending more than this on unfixed expenses, like entertainment, shopping, vacations, etc.

**Where do you rank on the credit scale?** Your credit history is one of the most important aspects of your finances. It affects your ability to get loans, the interest rates you incur, etc. There are three primary credit-reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You should regularly request a copy of your credit report to see where you

stand and make sure you haven't become a victim of identity fraud.

### What assets do you own?

Make a list of all the assets you own or partially own. If your car is only half paid off, you do not fully own it. Don't forget about long-lost investments you might have made before you were married. If your spouse is not aware of them and something were to happen to you, they might not be able to claim them without the proper documents. Keep all documents together in a file.

**How much debt do you have?** At least once a year you should assess how much you owe to creditors. Are you leaving your loved ones with enough to cover your expenses or a huge financial headache?

**What future expenses do you face?** Make two separate lists of needs and wants with estimated costs. Make sure to include individual, as well as combined items. Now look at your budget and this list of possible future expenses and try to determine how much you can afford without going into future debt.

**Whose name is on what?** Review all of the assets you own and do a status check on all that require a beneficiary, such as life insurance policies, pensions and other retirement savings. If an ex-spouse is still listed, they will receive the benefits even if you are remarried. It is also a good idea that you both decide on alternate beneficiaries in case you both are killed in an accident.

Do you have a will and/

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### Dear Brides to Be

Don't forget to say "Thank you" each time you receive a wedding gift. Each one should be acknowledged with a handwritten note from you.

Order plain or pastel stationery with your initials printed on them. You will receive gifts even after the wedding is over and you will have to send notes in your married name.

Carry a pretty money bag at the reception for cards and ask the maid of honor or your Mom to keep track of any gifts there.

Send thank you cards right after the honeymoon and as soon as you can. Try to include the groom as much as possible by saying something special about each gift. Remember

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or power of attorney documents? Don't forget to periodically review your will and trust. Make sure you still agree with the executor of your estate or manager of your trust. If you have small children, you should have a guardian and trustee named for them as well. Make sure these people understand the responsibility they are accepting. You should also look into establishing powers of attorney for healthcare and finances. This ensures that the family members you want to take care of can't be pushed out if you pass away or become incapacitated. A living will is necessary to ensure that your family and doctors know your wishes should you become incapacitated.

**Where are all financial documents kept?** Do you have a safe deposit box? If not, where are you going to

keep important files and documents? Being able to find these critical documents quickly can make difficult times a bit easier. Of course your spouse should know where these documents are kept, but it's also a good idea to let children or other family members know as well.

**Who are your financial advisors?** Trusted advisors who are familiar with your finances can steer you through difficult times. If you have a financial advisor, make sure he or she is one that makes an effort to contact you on a regular basis.

These questions cover topics that are not easy to discuss. Making an appointment with a financial advisor might help you and your spouse discuss these topics in a neutral and comfortable setting. The topics that are the least fun to discuss are often the most necessary.



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## Maria High School Begins New School Year

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, Maria High School will celebrate the opening of the 2007-08 school year with a Eucharistic Liturgy. Maria High School opened its doors for the first time 55 years ago; prior to that time the Sisters of St. Casimir had been educating young women in the Marquette Park community since 1911.

Rev. Ralph Zwirn, Pastor of St. Turibius, will be the main celebrant during the liturgy. Special guests for the Mass will be the Sisters of St. Casimir who will be celebrating 100 years since their founding. Students and faculty from St. Paul-Our Lady of Vilna School (Sisters of St. Casimir have been at this school since 1913 when Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, opened Our Lady of Vilna School) will also be at the celebration.

The Statue of Our Lady of the Millennium will be at Maria High School until September 12<sup>th</sup>. Students and members of the community will continue to have opportunities to pray alone and in groups on Maria's campus until that time.

For more information about Maria High School, please contact Ms. Nina Solava at 773-925-8686 x106.

## Top Women in their field share experiences at 2007 PWN Conference

The Professional Womens Network is pleased to announce that four executive women will be part of its lunch panel at this years conference. The conference will be held on September 20, 2007 at the Doubletree Hotel in Alsip, IL. The conference begins with a morning keynote delivered by Margaret Stender, President and Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Sky (WNBA). Ms. Stender spent 21 years in the corporate business world, including serving as president of the ready-to-eat cereal division at Quaker Oats Company, senior vice-president and general manager of consumer travel solutions for Rand McNally and president of Pepsicos drink division. In 2005, she was officially announced as the first team president of the Womens National Basketball Association team, the Chicago Sky. Cheri Vana, Co-Chair of the 2007 Conference said, "Each year we seek a notable woman as our keynote speaker, one whose career achievements are an inspiration to other women. We

also put together a panel of women who have diverse experiences and ask them to share their personal success stories. This years panel is outstanding." The lunch panelists describe how they overcame obstacles to achieve their goals and make it to the top of their professions.

This years panel includes Vicki Austin, President of Choices Worldwide. Ms. Austin is a coach for senior executives, and a much sought after public speaker. Tamara Brown joins the panel from the world of publishing. Ms Brown is the publisher and president of Urban Influence Magazine.

Launched in July of 2004, Urban Influence Magazine was created in response to the increasing demand for a publication that could speak to the needs of the young, professional, urban audience. Ms. Cheri Kuick, Director of Client Services. Neuberger Berman - Chicago, brings her experiences from the world of finance and investments. Neuberger Berman, LLC is an investment advisory firm that manages money for high net worth individuals. The panel is completed by Jane Di Renzo Pigott, Managing Director, R3 Group. Ms. Pigott is the founder and managing director of R3 Group LLC, a consulting firm specializing in leadership and change in connection with diversity and inclusion. The panel will be moderated by Andrea Darlas, WGN Radio.

Vivette Payne, Co-Chair of the Conference said, "The theme of our conference is 'Making Connections, Getting Results'. Last year, the opportunity to 'connect' with a panel of successful women executives was one of the most popular features of our conference. I am already hearing from women who plan to attend this years conference how excited they are about the panel."

The conference begins at 7:30 with a breakfast reception, followed by Ms. Stenders keynote address. Attendees will then participate in workshops geared to the needs of entrepreneurs and professional women. The panel discussion will be presented over lunch. The conference will conclude with a facilitated networking session. Lorraine Schultz, Chair of Professional Womens Network said, "Networking is an important part of any conference, but

it usually happens informally. This year, we have made it an official part of our conference. We want to make sure all those who attend have an opportunity to make business contacts and connections with others." The conference concludes with a business after hours.

Cheri Vana said, "we believe this is an event business women dont want to miss. The opportunities for learning, personal growth, and networking are tremendous."

Professional Womens Network is a 200-plus member organization of entrepreneurs and professional women dedicated to helping each other develop their careers and enhance their businesses through educational programs, resource sharing and networking opportunities. WineStyles of Flossmoor and WYLL Radio are the major conference sponsors.

For more information on the conference or for registration forms, call (708) 937-5525, or access the PWN website at [www.pwncentral.org](http://www.pwncentral.org) <<http://www.pwncentral.org>>

## Kathleen Kennedy Townsend opens Squeaky Weal lecture series at SXU

Maryland's first woman lieutenant governor

Chicago (Aug. 15, 2007) - Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Maryland's first woman lieutenant governor, will kick off Saint Xavier University's 2007-08 Squeaky Weal lecture series at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at Saint Xavier's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> St.

The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held in the Butler Reception Room, located in the Warde Academic Center.

Townsend's lecture is titled "How American Churches Are Failing Our Faith, Our Politics, and Our Country." After the lecture, Townsend will answer questions from the audience and sign copies of her new book, *Failing America's Faithful: How Today's Churches are Mixing God with Politics and Losing Their Way*.

"I wrote this book as a way of sharing what my

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faith has meant to me, but, more importantly, as a way of reminding us, as a country, how the United States has been shaped by progressive religious traditions," states Townsend on her Web site, [www.kathleenmtownsend.com](http://www.kathleenmtownsend.com). "At their best, these traditions have made America a more just, inclusive and fair nation. Christians and non-Christians alike can learn again from our history to understand how faith can serve to better unify our country, rather than divide it."

Saint Xavier's Squeaky Weal lecture series explores the role of religion in civic life and the importance of being involved in civic and political issues. The series is sponsored by the Center for Religion and Public Discourse.

"Kathleen Kennedy Townsend's exploration of the relationship between religion and politics is both thought-provoking and timely," said Sister Susan Sanders, R.S.M., vice president for University Mission and Heritage and director of the Center for Religion and Public Discourse. "Her call for religious people to respond to the needs of the poor is compelling and grounded in a spiritual and political vision for a better world."

The daughter of Robert F. and Ethel Kennedy, Townsend is president of Operation Respect, a nationwide character education program that teaches right from wrong, and personal and social responsibility. She is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Public Policy.

Townsend has a long history of accomplishment in the public arena. In addition to being Maryland's first woman lieutenant governor, she was deputy assistant attorney general of the United States. She also founded and directed the Maryland Student Service Alliance, leading the fight to make Maryland the first state in the nation to require all high school students to perform community service.

She currently serves on the boards of directors of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Civic Works, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the Institute for Human Virology and the Character Education Partnership. An honors graduate of Harvard University, she received her law degree from the University of New Mexico, where she was a member of the law review.

For more information about the lecture, please contact Kathy Mareska at (773) 298-3981 or [mareska@sxu.edu](mailto:mareska@sxu.edu), or visit [www.sxu.edu](http://www.sxu.edu).

## Trinity Lutheran Church announces special events

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt announces special events that will happen on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.

There will be a "Blessing of the Backpacks" at each service. Bring your backpack and join us.

Our Rally Day program will be held at 9:45 a.m. in the auditorium. There will be special entertainment by Sandi Sylver, storyteller, ventriloquist, and songstress.

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## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for August 21<sup>st</sup>: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telfriend!

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: There are new doors opening to you for financial gain. Pick the right door and go, go, go!

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Being super on target this week, you might take a chance on the lottery and win.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: Someone is about to make you a business or career offer...you should consider it.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: You are not a robot. Let people know that even brilliant people like you need a hug.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini/Virgo: Be soft, be sweet and even sexy this week. You are ready for the big SMEP [Love].

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus/Libra: Watch your back this week, especially at work. Health improves, and money finds you!

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: You could make the mistake of seeking quantity over quality. You get what you pay for.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries/Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: someone wants to partner up with you.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Pisces: Try to be more upbeat, more open to suggestions at work, and start saving some money!

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Thru August 31<sup>st</sup> you can have the ePSYCHICAnswers by phone, or online. It's available for \$19.95. My Psychic Impressions are looking ahead 6 to 12 months. Call us or go Online to JackiMari.Com

Psychic Mini-Sessions available from 7pm at The Oak Forest Bowl [152<sup>nd</sup> & S. Cicero on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon each month]. Next date is September 17<sup>th</sup>. Appts best/walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for Regular Services [walk-ins welcome].

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Challenged Children

The very thought of an adult abusing, raping & killing their own child is appalling. 13 year old blind Chicago girl Elisa Miles was killed by her own mother & step dad. Such cowards should die the same way they killed their child. Elisa was said to have had many cigarette burns on her body & that she was mentally challenged as well. I have an Autistic son. I know they can't defend themselves against cruelty, rape, usury, being ignored, mistreated or killed. Most of these children trust the ones they must live with, yet live in terror or fear every day. I take exception when I am told "these monsters must have been abused themselves or had a bad childhood." It's a legal cop out!

Jacki Mari & Allyn

## Back to School and more at Westfield Chicago Ridge

Enter to win a \$20,000 shopping spree from Westfield! <http://www.westfield.com/uscentres>

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### Senior Discount Day

Don't forget, Senior Discount Day is the first Wednesday of each month!

### Donate tools for school and win a \$50 Gift Card!

This school year help area underprivileged students by donating the tools they need for success at the annual "Tools for Schools" school supply drive at Westfield Chicago Ridge, through August 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who makes a donation can enter a drawing to win a \$50 Westfield Gift Card. Details are at the Concierge Center.

Click Here for more information: <http://westfield.com/chicagoridge/news/GiveStudentsTheToolsTheyNeedForSuccess.html>

## Take Time for Fun

• End of Season Pool Schedule: Central Pool  
Wednesday - 8/22 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday - 8/23 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday - 8/24 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - 8/25 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - 8/26 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Monday - 8/27 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tuesday - 8/28 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday - 8/29 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday - 8/30 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday - 8/31 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - 9/1 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - 9/2 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - 9/5 - Noon - 5 p.m. (Last Day)  
\* Dates may be added as guard staff becomes available.

Centennial Pools - Closed on Sunday, August 12 for the season  
Memorial Children's Pool - Closed on Sunday, August 12 for the season

• Call of the Wild Labor Day Event at the Oak Lawn Park District - Monday, September 3 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge (109th & Laramie, Oak Lawn) 10:30 am - 5th Annual 1-

Mile Dog Walk - FREE 10:30 am - P.A.W.S.  
Organization - FREE 11:00 am - 3rd Annual Doggie Talent Show - FREE 11 am - Kids Crafts - 25¢  
11am-2pm - Kids Carnival Games - 25¢  
11am-2pm - Inflatables - \$1  
11am-2pm - Animal Face Painting by the Children's Museum - \$1  
11am-2pm - Tattoos - 25¢  
11am-2pm - Rope Climbing in the Trees - FREE  
11:30 am - Perennial Plant Exchange - FREE  
11:45 am - Kids Call of the Wild Hunt - FREE  
12:00 pm - Kids' Teddy Bear Parade - FREE  
12:30 pm - Wetlands Nature Walks - FREE  
12:30 pm - SPECIAL CONSENSUS "Nation's Premier Bluegrass Band" - FREE 2:30 pm - JIM NESSE'S Cold Blooded Creature Show - FREE  
Concessions stand on site  
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hand to answer questions about pet supplies and pet nutrition.

• Casting Call - Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" will be held at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) on September 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call backs on September 6. Show dates are November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at Oak View Center. Auditions are open to those ages 6 and up.

• Preschool Registration - Registration is ongoing for the 2007/2008

Oak Lawn Park District Preschool-year. Openings are available in classes #1806, Learn As You Grow II at Little White Building for 4/5 year olds and #1808, Prep School at Oak View Center for 4/5 year olds.

Registrations will be taken at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) Bring copy of child's birth certificate at time of registration.

• Rubber-Stamping Workshops - Learn the easy art of rubber-stamping at the Oak Lawn Park District. The workshop will be held on Tuesday,

September 11 from 7 - 9:30pm. Participants will complete several projects, including greeting cards and gift bags, using various techniques. Samples of how to add stamping to your scrapbook pages will also be shown. Please bring your own colored pencils and scissors. Workshops are open to those ages 18 and up. Fee is \$9.50 for Oak Lawn residents and \$11.50 for nonresidents. For more information, please call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

• Trip: Lake Geneva Cruise and Luncheon - Join the Oak Lawn Park District as we board the Belle of the Lake, a turn of the century

steamer replica, on Friday, September 14. We will enjoy a delicious lunch as we cruise along on beautiful Lake Geneva. After the cruise, there will be time to shop in the quaint downtown shops.

The Let Me Arrange It Motorcoach will depart from the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.) at 8:30am and return at 7:30pm. Fee is \$52 for Oak Lawn Residents and \$57 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is August 27. For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

• Trip: Lighthouse Outlet Mall - Join the Oak Lawn Park District as we journey to Michigan City, Indiana for a day of bargain shopping on Wednesday, September 19. The outlet mall has over 130 stores, including Crate and Barrel, Coach, Liz Claiborne and Tommy Hilfiger.

This is an outdoor mall, so please dress appropriately. Lunch will be on your own. The Let Me Arrange It Motorcoach will depart from the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) at 9am and return at 6pm. Fee is \$20 for Oak Lawn Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is September 10. For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

• START SAVING TODAY! - 2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!! Books are \$20.00 and all proceeds support the Oak Lawn Special Olympics. Entertainment book make great gifts!! Stop by any of the following park district facilities to purchase your book.

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## The Southwest Symphony holds a special evening

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The afternoon program begins at 3:30 with hors d'oeuvres and a Duet for two Violoncellos OP.52 by Jacques Offenbach featuring our principal cellist Bob Hauser of Tinley Park and Jonathan Wessel of Manhattan.

Next on our musical menu you will enjoy the delectable String Quartet #2 in D Major by

Alexander Borodin, featuring our concertmaster Remus Badea, originally of

Romania, Deborah Schmalz, violin of Naperville, Karen Kramer, principal violist of Flossmoor and Bob Hauser.

Finally the evening will end on a lighter note with trios for woodwinds and string bass. Featuring Linda Gructe, the SSO's principal flutist of Orland Park, Tom Hallett, principal clarinetist of Orland Park and Tom Hawley, principal bassist of Blue Island.

Please join us as we say farewell to summer and we welcome in the Southwest Symphony Orchestra's 44th season with this intimate fundraiser and season opener on September 9th. Ticket price is \$80.00 per person. Just call 708-802-0686.

The not-for-profit Southwest Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1964 and serves audiences throughout Chicago's south and southwest suburban communities. Learn more at [www.southwestsymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.southwestsymphonyorchestra.org).

## Orland Fire Protection District To Host Firefighters' Rodeo

Annual Contest Promotes Firefighter Safety Among Ranks & the Public  
Maneuvering through

traffic on busy roads can be aggravating for drivers. Controlling a 40-foot vehicle weighing as much as 70,000 pounds while weaving through traffic challenges fire apparatus engineers every day.

The Orland Fire Protection District will host its second Fire Apparatus Operator Rodeo on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Bank Financial parking lot at 151st Street and 94th Avenue.

Two-time Driver's Challenge champion Orland Fire Engineer Dan Turner is organizing this year's contest. Turner, a thirteen year veteran of the Orland Fire District, took top honors at the 2004 and 2005 contests hosted by Emergency Service Insurance Program in Rantoul.

"We've invited all fire service and EMS agencies to compete in this year's rodeo hosted by the Orland Fire District," Turner said, adding that all MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) fire departments in Illinois have been invited to participate.

"Along with being an exciting competition, this event stresses the importance of driver safety when traveling to an emergency," said Orland Fire Deputy Chief Bryant Krizik.

Drivers will follow a course designed to simulate conditions encountered in the course of a fire service or ambulance job. To compete, drivers must be active members of a fire or EMS agency, hold a valid driver's license and be qualified emergency apparatus drivers within their organizations.

In 2004, the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration took the unprecedented step of establishing sixteen objectives for reducing the firefighter fatality rate by 25% within five years and by 50% within ten years. Since vehicle accidents account for approximately 25% of the annual firefighter fatalities, it is imperative to address driving issues.

"Firefighters are more likely to die traveling to or from a fire than fighting one," Krizik said. "Motor vehicles pose a greater hazard than flames, according to the National Fire Protection Association," he added.

"In 2005, 106 firefighters died in the line of duty in the United States and 26 of these deaths occurred in

emergency vehicle-related accidents," Turner noted.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 33 firefighters died in 23 vehicle crashes in 2003. This is the highest number of crash deaths reported in a single year in the 27 years that NFPA has been conducting its study. Twenty-four of the 33 firefighters killed in collisions or rollovers were responding to or returning from incidents when the crashes occurred.

Driving course specifications follow National Fire Protection Association Standard on Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications.

Trophies are awarded to the top five drivers in both fire and ambulance categories. In addition, a three-member team from the same fire department can win the traveling trophy for the lowest total time in the fire engine category.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to see the skill it takes to drive an emergency vehicle," Turner said. This is the second time that the Orland Fire Protection District has hosted an FAO Rodeo.

"The public is invited to watch the competition," Turner said, adding that other activities will be fun for the rest of the family. The day includes a disc jockey, water ball for the kids, a jump for the kids, face painting, safety related information and concessions available for purchase.

Bank Financial, adjacent to the competition site, will host its safety event during the rodeo.

For more information, call the Orland Fire Protection

District non-emergency number, 708/349-0074.

## Hot Deals And Events For A Cool Getaway

(NAPSA)-As temperatures cool, fall travelers can hold on to summer a little longer. This fall, Orlando's Endless Summer campaign offers "Get One Free" accommodations and activities from August 15 to November 15. The program offers a variety of deals during a time when the vacation mecca enjoys 70-degree temperatures, lighter crowds and a variety of outdoor activities and special events.

"Because summer's energy lingers right up to the holidays, fall in Orlando is much more about a state of mind than a season. It's a place for travelers not ready to bid farewell to that summer feeling of escape, discovery and adventure," said Gary C. Sain, president and CEO of the Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

"Free Night" accommodations options feature a full range of properties, while "Free Golf" offers include one of Orlando's newest courses, the David Harman-designed Shingle Creek Golf Club at the 1,500-room megaresort Rosen Shingle Creek, situated on part of the natural headwaters of the Florida Everglades.

Visitors can peg their travel dates to a blockbuster special-events calendar filled with culinary, cultural and sporting events and one of the world's largest destinationwide Halloween celebrations. Among the highlights are:

¥ Orlando's Magical Din-

ing Month, an opportunity to enjoy three-course, \$19 and \$29 prix-fixe dinners at more than 40 central Florida restaurants throughout September;



Hot deals and cooler temperatures make Orlando a terrific travel destination this fall.

¥ The late September 2007 Fireball Run Transcontinental Rally, involving 100 teams competing in a nine-day race across America;

¥ The 12th Annual Epcot International Food & Wine Festival, featuring hundreds of wine, beer and culinary seminars and tastings;

¥ The 34th Annual Winter Park Autumn Art Festival, a juried art show featuring Florida artists and live entertainment;

¥ A wide variety of haunted happenings, from Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Orlando Resort to SeaWorld Orlando's Halloween Spooktacular and Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party at Walt Disney World; and

¥ Nearly 150 top PGA Tour players compete for shares of a multimillion-dollar purse at the Disney Golf Classic. More information on all Endless Summer "Get One Free" offers, participating establishments and special events is available at [orlandoinfo.com/](http://orlandoinfo.com/) endless summer or by calling (888) ORL4-FUN.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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### BILL'S GARDEN

By this stage of summer things are pretty much predictable. Meandering our way through August most of us are, by now, complaining of the heat and humidity and looking forward to the cooler, milder days of autumn. I guess it's like that towards the end of every season.

The snowflakes barely start to fall and we're longing to hear the birds chirping their way to spring. But I wonder why we don't linger in the joy that every season has to offer instead of rushing right on to the next. It was that way at the beginning of summer. We were no sooner enjoying the heat and sun and, before the 4th of July fireworks display, we're counting summer as already over.

The stores may be filled with aisles and aisles of school supplies but August is still the month for enjoying the fruits of our labors, as in the garden variety.

For my husband, Bill, all the planting, weeding, watering, and fertilizing has turned the front of our home into a paradise of Wave Petunias and Impatiens. Though Impatiens may be his favorite flower, the amount of patience he puts into his garden shows in abundance at this time of year.

Years ago when our house was old and we were young, Bill grew a green thumb that produced pretty petals that peeked out from underneath Evergreen bushes that he'd shape and sculpt until they resembled Japanese Bon-Sai trees.

When the new house was built the front yard took on a whole new look.. No more bushes - instead a garden area edged in brick.

Every May, Bill anticipates the floral order he'll place with the Mt. Greenwood Garden Club.

If Christmases of old were a well thought out process of decorating perfection, so is the planting process for the summer season.

By Mother's Day, Bill's green thumb is ripe for creating a bevy of beauty as he nurtures his bounty of beloved blossoms.

Bill's garden reminds me that, as long as we're able to enjoy the sight and scent of buds in full bloom, we should, no matter what the season, take time to stop and smell the flowers in the garden of our lives.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

What really matters is what you do with what you have. (Shirley Lord.)



## U.S. Plays Leading Role In Wind Energy

(NAPSA)-Whichever way the wind blows, wind will play a leading role in supplying the nation's future energy needs.

Wind energy is already one of the fastest-growing energy sources, and new wind farms are the second-largest source of new power generation in the U.S., after natural gas power plants.

America's wind farm fleet, with over 9,000 megawatts of capacity currently installed, is generating enough electricity to serve over 2.3 million homes-more than the number of homes found in a city such as Los Angeles. Using wind power could save precious natural gas and help to reduce prices and imports of the fuel.

The enormous potential of wind energy may surprise some people: Good areas (about 6 percent of the land area) have the potential to supply more than one and a half times the current electricity consumption of the U.S.

A number of federal policies support the wind industry and have contributed to the recent expansion of the wind power market in the U.S.

For example, the continued availability of a federal production tax credit has sustained industry growth.

New wind farm technology is accelerating the rate of energy generation. Last year, the wind power capacity of the U.S. increased by 27 percent. Overall, wind energy is the fastest-growing energy generation technology-expanding by 30 to 40 percent per year.

The output range of wind power stations has continuously improved.

One of the new suppliers for wind farms in the U.S., Voith, has improved energy generation through wind power with a new hydrodynamic drive system called WinDrive.

This system's variable input (rotor) speeds can now be converted into constant output (generator) speeds. Depending on the prevailing wind speed, the wind rotor is always operated at optimum speed.

By the dynamic decoupling of input and output side, load peaks caused by gusty winds are evened out.

Mastering such load peaks with frequency inverter solutions has proved to be

difficult in the past. Even if the rotor is turning, no energy will be generated.

The drive concept has already been successfully tested for plants of up to 5 megawatts. For more information, visit [www.voithturbo.com](http://www.voithturbo.com).

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## Mannheim Steamroller to preview 2008 Space Foundation benefit

Tour, Album To Raise Awareness And Enthusiasm For Space Exploration, Incorporates Most Accurate Audio Recording Of Space Shuttle Launch And Landing Ever Made

OMAHA, NE - This spring, Mannheim Steamroller, one of the biggest-selling music groups in history with nearly 40 million albums sold, announced that it had teamed up with The Space Foundation for a 2008 album and benefit tour to raise awareness and enthusiasm for space exploration. Now, Mannheim Steamroller will embark on a three-city, mini concert tour this October 3-7 to preview the 2008 tour concept. The dates are:

October 3, 2007 Rialto Theatre Joliet, IL 8:00 p.m.  
October 5, 2007 Stephens Theater Ames, IA 7:30 p.m.  
October 7, 2007 Rochester, MN Mayo Center 7:00 p.m.

The mini-tour will debut the music that will appear on "The Music of the Spheres," the 2008 album and space-themed concert tour. The highlight is the title track, which incorporates the most accurate audio recording of a space shuttle launch and landing ever made. Last year, Chip Davis and the Mannheim Steamroller team were invited by NASA to set up microphones at the launch and landing sites to record the Space Shuttles Discovery and Atlantis in surround sound. Davis then mixed that Space Shuttle recording into a musical composition that was inspired by the Space Shuttle. Says Davis, "The music corresponds perfectly to the launch sequence. The dynamics of the composition change with the different stages of the launch. The two synched up perfectly. We're looking forward to sharing this amazing recording on the album and on tour. But if you come, better buckle your seat belt because it will blow your doors off!"

Proceeds from both the album and 2008 tour will benefit The Space Foundation.

This collaboration is

modeled after a 1989 Mannheim Steamroller partnership with the Yellowstone Park Foundation, which raised nearly \$1 million.

Says Elliot G. Pulham, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Space Foundation, "We're extremely pleased to work with Chip Davis and Mannheim Steamroller in an effort to reenergize America's imagination and commitment to the benefits of space exploration."

Says Chip Davis, "I have been fascinated with space exploration since my childhood, when I spent many an evening gazing at the stars with wonder and amazement. I feel it is important that we continue to foster that same sense of awe among our young people today. With their extensive educational and outreach programs, one could simply not ask for a better partner than The Space Foundation."

About Mannheim Steamroller Mannheim Steamroller is the #1-selling Christmas artist of all time and has sold nearly 40 million CDs. In the last fifteen years, Mannheim Steamroller has outsold artists including Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel and Sting. Composer/creator Chip Davis started Mannheim Steamroller more than 30 years ago with his GRAMMY Award-winning Fresh Aire series. Davis is one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the music industry as he has developed the Mannheim Steamroller brand into a lifestyle.

About the Space Foundation Founded in 1983 and headquartered in Colorado Springs, the Space Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that vigorously advances civil, commercial, and national security space endeavors and inspires, enables, and propels tomorrow's explorers. The Space Foundation also has an office in Washington, D.C., and Field Representatives in Houston, Texas, and Cape Canaveral, Fla. The Space Foundation is a leader in space awareness activities, trade association services, research and analysis for the global space industry, and educational enterprises that bring space into the classroom. The Space Foundation conducts the premier annual gathering of the global space community, the National Space Symposium, which takes place

April 9-12, 2007, at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Along with partnering organizations, the Space Foundation also conducts Strategic Space and Defense (Oct. 9-11, 2007), in Omaha, Neb. For more information, visit [www.SpaceFoundation.org](http://www.SpaceFoundation.org).

## Auditions for Noel Coward Classic "Hay Fever" coming to SSC Theat

The PAC Rats Theatre Company will kick off their 2007-2008 season with the production of "Hay Fever." The PAC Rats, one of the 3 Stages of SSC, will host open auditions for all students and community members ages 18 and up on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The auditions will take place in the Kindig Performing Arts Center at the South Suburban College main campus - 15800 State Street, South Holland, IL. No prior experience or prepared material is necessary.

"Hay Fever" is the Noel Coward comedy set in the hall of the Bliss family home. The eccentric Blisses - Judith, a recently retired stage actress, David, a self-absorbed novelist, and their two equally unconventional children - live in a world where reality slides easily into fiction. Upon entering this world, the unfortunate weekend guests - a proper diplomat, a shy flapper, an athletic boxer, and a fashionable sophisticate - are repeatedly thrown into melodramatic scenes wherein their hosts profess emotions and react to situations that do not really exist. The resulting comedic chaos ends only when the tortured visitors tip-toe out the door.

Director Angela Martin of Midlothian is looking for four men and five women for the John Patrick comedy. "Hay Fever" is a great study of character development," says Martin. "Every role is a juicy one."

Reading copies of the script are on reserve in the SSC library. Most rehearsals will take place three or four evenings a week, from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., with some Saturday afternoons as needed.

The performances are scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

and 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. For more information, email [ssc@theatre@southsuburbancollege.edu](mailto:ssc@theatre@southsuburbancollege.edu) or visit the Kindig Performing Arts Center website <http://learn.southsuburbancollege.edu/theatre>.

## Grainger to enhance presence in Chicago area marking their 80th year

Grainger (NYSE: GWW), a leading distributor of facilities maintenance supplies and a longtime Chicago company, today announced plans to enhance service to area customers by investing in its local operations.

As part of this multi-year expansion program the company will add, relocate and expand its Chicago area facilities while increasing local inventory and adding additional staff. "Grainger is a Chicago company.

Local businesses have relied on us for 80 years, since our company's founder, William W. Grainger, opened the

company's first office on 22nd Street in 1927," said Octavia Matthews, Regional Branch Services Vice President, Grainger. "Over the years Grainger has grown into an international company with more than 600 locations, but we've never lost our hometown roots or our focus on providing outstanding customer service.

Grainger currently operates 18 branch locations in the Chicago area and will realize a nearly 20 percent increase in overall square footage in the market as a result of the expansion. Customers will also benefit from the addition of more than 50 new local Grainger customer service employees and an increase in the company's local product offering.

"With this investment, Grainger is not only enhancing our service within Chicago, we're also expanding our presence to better serve the area's most rapidly growing communities, including Elgin, Joliet and Aurora. The company's local expansion efforts are already underway and will continue to unfold through 2008. When Busi-

ness customers, such as contractors, manufacturers and facilities maintenance professionals, rely on Grainger daily for quick and easy access to a broad array of supplies needed to keep their facilities up and running. Grainger's Chicago area branches are supported by the company's 750,000 square foot distribution center in Niles, IL.

In 2007, Grainger plans to invest up to \$80 million in capital on its expansion initiative across the nation.

About Grainger W.W. Grainger, Inc. (NYSE: GWW), with 2006 sales of \$5.9 billion, is a leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance products serving businesses and institutions in Canada, China, Mexico and the United States.

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## Disney's High School Musical a local favorite

by Marijo Doody

Broadway in Chicago is currently running 'High School Musical' at the La Salle bank Theatre in their programming. Many local theater groups have jumped on the bandwagon since the hit TV broadcast on Disney Network of 'Disney's High School Musical.' The kids just love it. In fact there are plans in the works for a 'Disney High School Musical II'.

Last month the 99th Street Players performed at Mc Auley Theatre the play as the first summer production. The show was excellent. The venue gives local talent an opportunity to perform.

Recently the Emerald City Theatre Company had a run at Victory Gardens Theatre of 'Disney High School Musical'. Two young actors in the production have ties to the southwest side. The boy who played Jack Scott, Nick Lucio, is the cousin of Annette Dixon, owner of Village View Publications.

The girl who played Cyndra, Heather Siemienas, is the granddaughter of Russ Roberto of Evergreen Park. Heather's mother Barbara taught at one of the Evergreen Park schools earlier in her career. Nick and Heather have been in their respective high school productions. Both are talented youngsters. This was Nick's first professional endeavor. Heather has been in professional productions.

The audience we saw was delightful as it was the children's outing from various camps with their counselors. The joy and exuberance with their faces showed a delight in being there. Since there was some interactive aspects in the play and certainly afterwards, the kids really got into it singing and clapping.

Theater is a great outlet for children of all ages and perhaps gives a venue other than sports for activities. Both the 99th Street and Emerald City Theatre (ECT) productions had only two adult characters. The play gives young high school talented actors a great chance to perform.

ECT holds classes for children 3-10. Check it out on the web at [www.emeraldcitytheatre.com/classes](http://www.emeraldcitytheatre.com/classes). ECT performs at Apollo Theatre and Victory Gardens.

## Paramount Theatre in Aurora September events

The following events are scheduled for the Paramount Theatre in Aurora in September: Saturday, September 8 at 8pm is Clint Black a driving force in country music. Tickets are \$65.50-\$5.50.

Friday Sept 14 is Frank Caliendo, comedian and impersonator. He is a fixture on FOX NFL Pre-game shows. Gordon Lightfoot legendary singer-songwriter returns on Sept 16 at 7pm Tickets are \$57.50-\$47.50.

Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl features 50 dancers 10-40 in the entertaining spectacle. The program is Sept 22 at 7pm. Tickets are \$22 adults and \$15 children.

Comedian Roseanne Barr performs on Sunday, September 29 at 7pm.

Tickets are \$50.50-\$40.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Paramount Theatre in Aurora box office at 630-896-6666 or at any Ticketmaster location. The Paramount Theatre in Aurora is located 23 E Galena Blvd.

## Steppenwolf production slated to head east

It looks as if Steppenwolf Theatre's world premiere of Tracy Letts' "August: Osage County" running through August 26 will be heading east. The production was fabulous. It was reviewed in an earlier edition of Village View Publications.

Discussions are in the works with two different producers about bring the acclaimed show to Broadway, either in the spring or fall of 2008. Talks are also underway for a London production, possible to happen before the New York debut.

## Museum of Science and Industry news

Opening this fall is the exhibit "Star Wars: Where Science meets Imagination." It runs October 5, 2007 and run through June 6, 2008. The exhibit is not included in general admission and requires a ticket and specific entry time. Advance tickets are on sale on the web at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

Could the amazing technologies in the Star Wars films really exist one day? In this exhibit, guest will find out! The exhibit explores the space fantasy technologies depicted in Star wars films, the real science behind them, and the current research that one day may someday lead to remarkable real-life versions of these technologies.

Guests will view more than 80 props, models and costumes from the movies and have the chance to see extensive video interviews with filmmakers, scientists and engineers. Areas of the exhibit allow guests to experience the feeling of riding a personal hovercraft, while learning about what transit of future might be like. Then help build a spaceport, while discovering how to create a successive collaborative environment, build and test their own speeders and droids, while experimenting with magnetic levitation and robotics and more. This exhibit was developed by the Museum of Science Boston, in collaboration with Lucasfilm Ltd.

Exhibit tickets are \$21 adults, \$19.50 seniors and \$16 children and this includes Museum general admission. Call 773-684-1414 for advance tickets.

## Windy City Wine Festival held at Daley Plaza

The Windy City Wine Festival presented by Binny's Beverage Depot returns to Chicago's Daley Bicentennial Plaza in Grant Park with more than 250 exceptional wines September 7 and 8. Festival site is over the BP Bridge east of Millennium Park on Randolph Street. Hours are 4-10pm Friday and 2-10pm

Saturday. Tickets are \$25 a person

As guest stroll through the park indulging their palates with outstanding wine varieties, they will enjoy live music, cooking demonstrations and wine seminars. Many of Chicago area finest restaurants will serve gourmet specialties. Participants can easily navigate their way throughout the park and make notes of their favorite wines.

Guests will enjoy interactive cooking and wine seminars taught by acclaimed chefs and sommeliers including Nick Stellino, Ann Thrupp, Gale Gand and Belinda Chang.

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## Kids Crusade at Oak Lawn Bible Church

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There will be magic, games, music, puppets and prizes. Ages are for nursery to nursing home invitees. Coffee is for the big people. Call 708-857-9800.

## Lincolnshire Marriott presents Producers

Marriott Theatre produces the first post Broadway production of the hilarious, Tony Award-winning musical The Producers. It is about Max Bialystock, infamous producer of a long succession of dreadfully unsuccessful shows, and Leo Bloom, a mild mannered accountant who schemes to get rich by producing a flop, ultimately creating an outrageous box office fiasco. Producers is directed and choreographed by Marc Robin. It runs September 5 through a few weeks to December 2nd.

Staring are Ross

Lehman and Guy Adkins. Music director is Richard Carsey. Shows are Wed at 1 and 8pm, Thurs and Fri at 8pm, Sat at 2:30 and 8pm and Sunday at 1 and 5pm. Tickets are \$45. On Wed and Thurs for \$55 there is dinner, based on availability.

## Chicago Symphony Orchestra offers free Macy's Day Music

Saturday, October 13, 2007, 2:00-10:00 p.m.

**MACY'S DAY OF MUSIC:** 11th Annual Free Music Marathon-Featuring performances by: Chicago Symphony Orchestra, David Robertson & Branford Marsalis Ella Jenkins Lincoln Quartet Mucca Pazza Tortoise Civic Orchestra of Chicago Symphony Center swings open its doors for Macy's Day of Music, a marathon of free music and family activities throughout the building. One of the highlights of the 2007-2008 season, this 11th annual daylong celebration begins outdoors at 12 noon, with performers on Michigan Avenue. The indoor festivities begin at 2 p.m., with myriad performances by a wide array of local artists filling Symphony Center. An incredible range of musical genres will be represented, including classical, jazz, world music and family-oriented artists: folk singer Erin Flynn and the Co-Op Band; storyteller Ella Jenkins; soloists from the Lira Singers, specializing in Polish music; punk marching band Mucca Pazza; the Jazz Incrédibles; Chuchito Valdes Latin Jazz Band; Chicago Klezmer Ensemble; Issa Boulos Ensemble; Lincoln Quartet; the CSO Percussion Scholarship Group; a Johnny

Frigo Tribute featuring Joe Vito and Friends; silent film "Nosferatu" with live accompaniment by indie rock band Tortoise; flamenco performers Diego Alonso and Chiara Mangiameli; and more to be announced. The centerpiece of the Macy's Day of Music festivities is at 2 p.m., when the world-famous Chicago Symphony Orchestra and conductor David Robertson present a free full-length concert in Orchestra Hall, featuring saxophonist Branford Marsalis in works by Debussy and Copland, as well as music by Fauré and Dvořák's beloved Symphony No. 9 (From the New World). At 5 p.m., the Civic Orchestra of Chicago presents a special "Sing with Civic" concert. Chicago Symphony Chorus Director Duain Wolfe will conduct the Civic in this family-friendly, sing-along concert of popular songs. Macy's Day of Music is sponsored by Macy's. **FREE ALL-DAY EVENT.** No tickets are required. For more information, please call 312-294-3000 or visit the CSO's Web site at [cso.org/dayofmusic](http://cso.org/dayofmusic). Artists and programs are subject to change.

## Garden Center Services presented Grease

The play was presented by the cast of Garden Center Services with over 300 people in attendance.

Names from behind the scene seldom get in the papers so we would like to announce the director was Melissa, Assistant Director Karen McGhee, Vocal Dir., Mary, Costume Mgr., Carla Cervantes, Dance Managers, Jane McGrath and Muffin Quinn, Critic, Jeffrey Cyga and set crew, Tim Axium, Lynn Beeson, Chris Circelli, Carla Cervantes, Kathy Guthrie, Andy Torres, and Albert Villafan.

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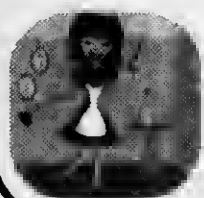
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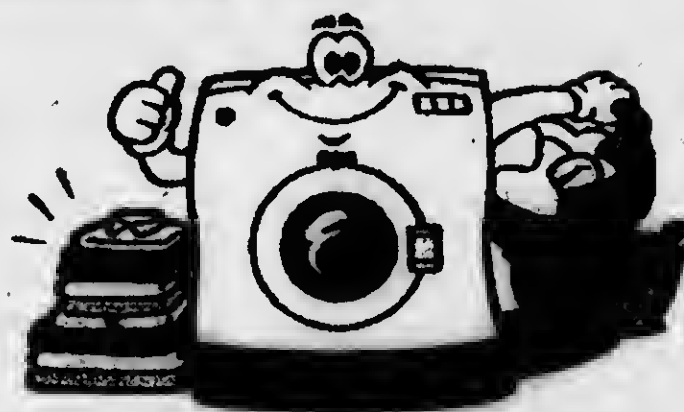
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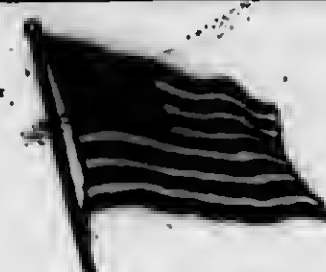
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Dr. Mikhail Korenman

## Orland Park Recreation offers chess lessons

One of the newest additions to the Orland Park Recreation Department's list of instructors brings world-wide experience.

Dr. Mikhail Korenman, who moved to Orland Park last year, has played and taught chess all over the world. The department's fall offerings brings Korenman back to teach a number of chess classes for players of all ages.

"Dr. Korenman made his Orland Park debut at the Taste of Orland Park 2006," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Stephanie Simpson. "At last year's Taste, he played more than 200 games of chess over two days, playing as many as ten games at a time," she added. Korenman lost only four of the more than 200 games.

In 2004, the United States Chess Federation named Korenman its Organizer of the Year. Korenman, the founder and former director

of the famed Anatoly Karpov School of Chess in Lindsborg, Kansas, is director of the Chess for Peace Initiative that brought former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to Lindsborg to participate in a weekend of Chess for Peace activities.

"Chess is taught in more than 30 countries, mostly as part of classroom curricula," Korenman said. "Scholastic chess is popular among educators and parents because of the demonstrated positive impact of chess on students' classroom achievements, especially in math problem solving, science and reading comprehension," he added, noting, "The value of developing strategic thought patterns in young people is immeasurable."

A native of Voronezh, Russia, Korenman earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction in Education from Kansas State University. He holds a Master of Science Degree in chemistry from Voronezh State University. He and his wife, Tamara, live in Orland Park with their children.

"This is a great opportunity to learn chess from one of the world masters," Simpson said. "We're very excited to have Dr. Korenman and his family live in Orland Park and for him to share his love for chess with the Orland Park community," she added.

According to Korenman, the benefits of chess are numerous, including improving school work and grades, developing logical thinking and memory, improving concentration, imagination and creativity, among others.

The village's fall recreation programs will be held from September 11 through December 12. Chess lessons will be held at the village's Cultural Center, the former Orland Park Library, at 14760 Park Lane. Three levels of chess are offered this fall for those age five on up

through adults with participants divided according to age. A number of sections appear in the Recreation Department's fall program guide. The cost for village residents is \$138 while non-residents pay \$188.

Registration and further information are available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the Village Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. For more information, call 403-PARK or 645-PLAY.

## Tent Camping Winds Down Exciting Season

Families wanting to enjoy one last outing before winter weather arrives in Orland Park will want to register for "Camp Beneath the Stars," sponsored by the village's Recreation and Parks Department.

Tent camping will be permitted at Orland Park's Centennial Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29 to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30. New this year is dinner for four included in the registration fee. Extra meals may be purchased for \$4.00 per person. Each camp site must be rented and supervised by an adult age 18 or older. The cost per camp site is \$25 for village residents and \$30 for nonresidents.

The evening's activities will include a cookout, bonfire and a movie in the park. Open fires, fireworks, alcohol and grills are all prohibited. Orland Park's Centennial Park is located at 15600 West (100th) Avenue, four blocks west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45.

Preregistration for Camp Beneath the Stars is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the Village Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th

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## Orland Park Recreation Department Seeks Anglers

In Labor Day Weekend marks the close of the village's Centennial Park Aquatic Center and brings the village's annual Fishing Derby and Casting Contest.

Lake Sedgewick in Orland Park's Centennial Park, 15600 West (100th) Avenue, will again be the site of this annual event on Saturday, September 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Free and open to all ages, the casting contest is cosponsored by Hooked On Fishing.

If a child under the age of seventeen wins the casting contest at Orland Park, he or she may be asked to participate in a regional competition that could take them the national level of competition.

Participants must bring their own equipment and bait. The derby is free and open to anglers of all ages. Prizes will be awarded for the smallest and largest fish-per

## Tinley Park Library announces board meeting

The Board of the Tinley Park Public Library will meet on Wednesday, August 22, at 7 p.m. in the library board room. Meetings are open to the public.

Minutes are posted on the library's web site at [www.tplibrary.org](http://www.tplibrary.org).

For additional information, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive

age group. Recognition will also be made for those "catching" the most unusual items in Lake Sedgewick.

Valid Illinois fishing licenses are required for those age 16 and older. Catch and release is encouraged and this event is held rain or shine.

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## Orland Park Theatre Troupe To Hold Auditions for Mystery Thriller

*George M. Cohan's "Seven Keys to Baldpate" Chosen for Autumn Production*

ORLAND PARK — The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe has chosen a mystery thriller for its fall production, bringing an American theater classic to the stage.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate," produced by America's "Yankee Doodle Dandy," George M. Cohan, is based on a story by Charlie Chan creator Earl Derr Biggers.

A writer who must complete his latest novel in 24 hours in order to win a bet thinks he's found the perfect place to work in a remote country inn. He soon finds himself caught up in a bizarre scheme of deception, missing money and murder that out does any book's plot.

Auditions for adults age eighteen and older will be held Monday, August 20 and Tuesday, August 21 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue. Readings will be from the script and those named to the cast must pay a registration fee.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" was first filmed in 1916 and has been remade seven times, most recently as *House of the Long Shadows* in 1983, starring Vincent Price.

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

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This fall, travelers can hold on to summer a little longer during Orlando's Endless Summer campaign with "Get One Free" accommodations and activity offers from August 15 to November 15. More information is available at [orlandoinfo.com/endlesssummer](http://orlandoinfo.com/endlesssummer) or by calling (888)ORL4-FUN.

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Herbs can do more than flavor food. Many of the herbs used today as seasonings

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A survey, commissioned by health benefits company Humana Inc. (NYSE: HUM) and the SilverSneakers® Fitness Program, a product of Healthways, and conducted on eons.com, the Web site of Eons, Inc., found that seniors are healthier and more physically active than most people think.





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The Taste of Orland Park once again presented the residents of Orland Park and the surrounding communities with first rate entertainment and a wonderful menu of tantalizing foods that would tempt and satisfy all who visited.

Although the weather presented a challenge at times, the weekend was clearly a success and enjoyed by people of all ages from near and far.

As we close the books on the Taste of Orland Park 2007, I must congratulate the individuals who comprise the "Taste of Orland Park Team" who are instrumental in planning and producing this event. These team members come from all the departments within the village and combine their expertise for the benefit of this festival. Patty Vlazny took over the event this year and did an excellent job leading the team along with her right hand Gail Blummer. Sue Wagner continues as our restaurant director extraordinaire, overseeing the actual food preparation and ensuring the safety of the process with the able assistance of Jean Miles. Margie Owens-Klotz did a splendid job of creating all the promotional materials, press releases and advertising in print media with the assistance of Amber Wilk. Donna Kouba and Michelle Moore planned out the Karaoke qualifying rounds and lead it through completion at the community stage at the fest with the able assistance of intern Kim DeRose. Lorri Padour and Irene Buikema organized and over saw the volunteers and community service workers to assure the seamless operation of those functions so dependant on these staffers. Dave Rauch and Ryan Callaghan worked tirelessly, patrolling their areas to be certain all provisions for parking and signage were attended to and maintained. Kurt Heinlen and Liz Nowak coordinated the adult beverage service with attention to security to assure the integrity of the operation. Stephanie Simpson and Ray Piatonni maintained the soft drink and water aspect of the beverage service, monitoring each vendor and meeting their needs. Ed Larke and Dennis Wokurka worked exhaustively to

assure the electrical operation and safety of the vendors and the patrons attending the Taste and Bill Dahman provided telephone lines for the ATM, and the radio stations that broadcasted from the Taste. Mary Klinger and Norm Johnson took responsibility for the Classic Car Show from first notice to the awarding of prizes for the participants. Paula Swanstrom handled the tedious paperwork assuring that all necessary details were tended to. Lynn McQueary along with Jack Knight tended to the licensing requirements for vendor participation. Deborah Graham put a friendly face on the Sportsplex that community members going forward will identify with our health facility. Gina Hassett stepped up to assist Patty in whatever capacity needed. Maureen Wentz and Kevin Navas brought the community booths into the Taste and directed their participation for the weekend. Sgt Jim Bianci of the Orland Park Police Dept coordinated the security for the event with our officers and along with Chuck Rabideau of ESDA provided a safe and secure environment for families to enjoy. Jenny Farrel and Rebecca Perkus planned and directed a wonderful Kid's Day program for youthful attendees on Saturday. And Janine Hozzian conducted the Teen Battle of the Bands Isaih Wiggs and Lee Beck oversaw the grounds crews to assure a clean and well maintained environment. The volunteers, such as Jackie Neven, another village staffer, along with her husband, Jim, to volunteered their time to staff an entrance that exemplifies the sentiment of the Taste of Orland Park

team. Battalion Chief Joe Copeland of the OFPD joined us this year as another measure to contribute to the overall safety of the event.

A special mention must be made of Gary Couch of the Parks Dept. Gary was the "go to" person for all tasks related to the foundation of the event. If something needed to be moved, a tent for instance, Gary arranged it. Getting materials needed, building props, overseeing operations, Gary Couch did a tremendous job and was backed up by Matt Creed.

The department directors and village administrators must also be acknowledged for the assistance provided and enabling members of their staff to contribute in such a significant way to the success of the weekend. Frank Stec pitched in when called upon; even to help build a dance floor for performers in front of the main stage. Annmarie Mampe, and Sarah Schueler did the background work, accounting, billing, and also arranging for the ATM. The village administrators gave unqualified support to this event which added to the "can do" attitude that prevailed in the planning and execution. Ellen Baer, Assistant Village Manager, and Nancy Flores, Recreation Director worked an admission gate as well! RJ Zeder's support of this event was clear in the way he encouraged staff participation and monitored the progress of the event.

If I missed anyone, I apologize. It is so hard to remember everyone who made a contribution, there are so many. A team member was quoted in the press last week as saying that everyone involved with The Taste wanted to throw the best party for the residents of Orland Park, I think they succeeded; and I want to

thank them all for their hard work. I have been privileged to work with this team, for these past 4 years, and I look forward to future Taste of Orland Park weekends! Patricia Gira Trustee, Village of Orland Park

### Moraine Valley offers new Degree Program in Secondary Science

Moraine Valley Community College now offers an associate's degree program to prepare transfer students who plan to obtain careers in the high-need area of secondary education science teachers. Students obtaining this 62-hour Associate in Arts in Teaching Secondary Science degree should have equal status with university students at the beginning of their junior year.

This program requires the completion of three communication courses, two math courses, General Biology I and II (BIO 111 and 112), Introduction to Life Sciences (EAS 120), two Humanities and Fine Arts courses, two Social and Behavioral Health Science courses, Introduction to Education (EDU 100), Chemistry I and II (CHM 131 and 132), Mechanics (PHY 203), and other electives based on transfer institution requirements.

Registration for the fall semester is currently underway. In-district tuition is \$67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

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## Palos Hills holds The Biggest Top on Earth

Carson and Barnes Circus, The Biggest Top on Earth is coming to Palos hills on Tuesday, September 4th. The circus will be located at Roberts Road and Sunny Creek Drive (10860 Roberts Road) with show times at 4:30 and 7:30pm. Tickets are available at Palos hills community Center, 8455 W 103rd St or City Hall, 10335 S Roberts Road.

Opening day Celebrations to see the creation of a magical Circus City begin around 8:30am on Sept. 4 and continue to noon. Elephants set up the Big Top between 9-10am. Viewing is free.

The circus presents artists from around the world including Two Wheels of Death, acrobats, jugglers, wild animal acts, flying trapeze and clowns. It is the largest on the planet Big Top. There are many thrills, chills and excitement.

## New Classes for Worth Park District

Choking Review Workshop: Learn how to help a responsive and unresponsive choking adult, child and infant with Joan O'Malley. Tues. Sept. 18th 7pm.

CPR classes will be held on Sept. 8th from 9-12. This is THE American Heart Association Certification class!

Magic for Muggles Workshop for Harry Potter and Magic fans! Doc Morrissey will amaze and amuse all participants! Please call for the available date!

Chicago Children's Choir Workshop: FREE for all

children ages 7 and up. This will be held on Sept. 10th and 14th. Participants need not attend both dates, but it is encouraged. Learn different musical techniques in this RARE, Unique experience. 4-5:30pm at the Terrace Centre

Covered Bridge Children Theater: Auditions will be held on September 8th at the Terrace Centre for our NEW Children's production of "Tiny Tim's Christmas". All children auditioning will be assigned a role. Noone is left out! Ages 8-16 are encouraged to attend this program beginning at 11am. For additional information please email mycoveredbridge@aol.com or visit

www.worthparkdistrict.org. We also have: Boxing, Belly dancing, Fencing, Beginner Comedy/Improv, dog obedience, Tae Kwon Do, Aikido, Tae Kwon Do, Softball, Volleyball, Ice Skating and many arts and oil painting classes for adults. Full listing is available at www.worthparkdistrict.org.

Children and tot's, we haven't left you out! Sign up for Baby Disco, Ice Skating, Tiny tots tae kwon do, Hockey and a "Hands on Fun" class for ages 3-4. Gymnastics is on a new day! Tumble with us on Tuesdays! A class is available for every age.

Soccer registration has been extended! All ages are still needed for participation. Coaches will receive \$20 off their registration! WE have a new "little comets" basketball class for 1st-3rd grade. Comets for 5th and up. Pin's N Pals Bowling Camp is new for ages 5-12.

Our Tot Lot Preschool program is accepting children ages 3-5 that are ready for preschool. Our teachers work closely with Worth Schools for Kindergarten readiness. Social play, letter and number recognition and other basic skills are worked on throughout the year. For

more information please call Liz at 708 448 7080 x 103.

Registration for our before and after school care program R.A.S. (recreation after school) is open for enrollment. All school aged children and those enrolled in Tot Lot and Kinder Camp are welcome to stay for the day! Transportation to and from school is provided. Please call Bev at 708 448 7080 for information.

Soc Hops are back! Our next soc hop is September 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm for grades 5-8th grade. Admission is \$5 for worth residents!

Trips: We have the following trips this fall:

Scarecrow Festival on October 6th, Chicago History Museum on November 10th, Richard Crowe's Coach tour of Chicago's "The Devil in the White City" Locales on September 23rd, South Suburban Historical Coach Tour on Thurs., Sept. 20th and a Historic Pullman House Walk on Sunday, October 14th.

Registration is required for these trips! All the details can be found on our website www.worthparkdistrict.org. Please be sure to visit our Museum's webpage for additional trip information!

## Palos Village Players hold auditions

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for their November show, THE UNINVITED. 8PM, August 27 & 29 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 LaGrange Road, Orland Park. The play is written by Tim Kelly and is based on a novel by Dorothy Macardle. Those of you who remember the films of the 1940's might recall that Ray Milland starred in the movie version. As the plot unfolds, a woman and her brother, an

aspiring playwright, slowly learn the mysterious and frightening truths about their newly acquired home on the English seacoast. The cast consists of 4 men and 6 women and the audition will require a cold reading from the script.

No previous acting experience is necessary and the general public is invited to try out. The play will be directed by Steve Bell of f Evergreen Park and the production dates are November 2-10. Call 773-531-4798 for information.

## Musichorale resumes rehearsals

Musichorale resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, September 4th at 9000 S Ridgeland at 7:30pm.

All voices are needed, especially men. Men can join for free this year.

The group holds two major concerts a year along with other engagements including weddings, parties, and funerals and on the venues.

The annual its 13th Art Silhan Memorial Golfouting is scheduled for Sunday September 23rd at Glen Eagles Country Club Golf Course at 11:30am-12:30pm tee-off with both courses used.

Cost is \$110 for golf and dinner. Dinner only is \$35. Sponsors are requested for the event-\$100-\$500. Call Jeff at 773-239-6279 for more information.

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"It's a privilege to carry on the tradition of the annual 'Tools for Schools' donation program," said Lia Osburn, the center's marketing director. "Westfield has a strong commitment to the community, and we encourage everyone to come out to help the less fortunate in our area." Cash donations, which will be used to purchase school supplies, will also be accepted at the Concierge Center.

Westfield Chicago Ridge is conveniently located at the corner of 95th and Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge. For more information, call 708-499-0840 or visit www.westfield.com and follow the links to Chicago Ridge.

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## St Xavier University Music Department sets concert series

The St Xavier University Music Department has two venues for performance, on campus (SXUC) at 3700 W 103rd Street in Chicago and at the Beverly Arts Center, (BAC) 2407 W 111th Street, Chicago.

The following fall programs are scheduled: Sept. 10, Monday at 7:30pm Sue Nigro McGuire Hall, November 2, Friday, 3pm, Flute Choir McGuire Hall, Nov. 10, Saturday, 7:30pm, Kojelyte Johnson in a Vocal Recital at McGuire Hall, and Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30pm Jazz Ensemble at BAC.

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7:30pm Andrea Caruso, vocal recital at McGuire Hall, Saturday, Nov. 18 at 3pm SXU Orchestra at BAC, Sax Quartet-Chamber Ensemble on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:30pm at SXUC Butler Reception Room, Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30pm the Combined Men and Women Ensemble in McGuire Hall.

The SXU Concert Band is Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30pm at BAC and The Flute Choir Chamber Singers are Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30pm at McGuire Hall.

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Don't forget, Senior Discount Day is the first Wednesday of each month!

### Donate tools for school and win a \$50 Gift Card!

This school year help area underprivileged students by donating the tools they need for success at the annual "Tools for Schools" school supply drive at Westfield Chicago Ridge, through August 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who makes a donation can enter a drawing to win a \$50 Westfield Gift Card. Details are at the Concierge Center.

Click Here for more information: <http://westfield.com/chicagoridge/news/GiveStudentsTheToolsTheyNeedForSuccess.html>

## Take Time for Fun

• End of Season Pool Schedule: Central Pool  
Wednesday - 8/22 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday - 8/23 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday - 8/24 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - 8/25 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - 8/26 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Monday - 8/27 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tuesday - 8/28 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday - 8/29 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday - 8/30 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday - 8/31 - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - 9/1 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - 9/2 - Noon - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - 9/5 - Noon - 5 p.m. (Last Day)

\* Dates may be added as guard staff becomes available.

Centennial Pools - Closed on Sunday, August 12 for the season  
Memorial Children's Pool - Closed on Sunday, August 12 for the season

• Call of the Wild Labor Day Event at the Oak Lawn Park District -

Monday, September 3 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge (109th & Laramie, Oak Lawn)  
10:30 am - 5th Annual 1-

Mile Dog Walk - FREE  
10:30 am - P.A.W.S.  
Organization - FREE  
11:00 am - 3rd Annual Doggie Talent Show - FREE  
11 am - Kids Crafts - 25¢  
11am-2pm - Kids Carnival Games - 25¢  
11am-2pm - Inflatables - \$1  
11am-2pm - Animal Face Painting by the Children's Museum - \$1  
11am-2pm - Tattoos - 25¢  
11am-2pm - Rope Climbing in the Trees - FREE  
11:30 am - Perennial Plant Exchange - FREE  
11:45 am - Kids Call of the Wild Hunt - FREE  
12:00 pm - Kids' Teddy Bear Parade - FREE  
12:30 pm - Wetlands Nature Walks - FREE  
12:30 pm - SPECIAL CONSENSUS "Nation's Premier Bluegrass Band" - FREE  
2:30 pm - JIM NESSE'S Cold Blooded Creature Show - FREE  
Concessions stand on site  
Pet Supply Plus will be on

hand to answer questions about pet supplies and pet nutrition.

• Casting Call - Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" will be held at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) on September 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. Call backs on September 6. Show dates are November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at Oak View Center. Auditions are open to those ages 6 and up.

• Preschool Registration - Registration is ongoing for the 2007/2008

Oak Lawn Park District Preschool year. Openings are available in classes #1806, Learn As You Grow II at Little White Building for 4/5 year olds and #1808, Prep School at Oak View Center for 4/5 year olds.

Registrations will be taken at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) Bring copy of child's birth certificate at time of registration.

• Rubber-Stamping Workshops - Learn the easy art of rubber-stamping at the Oak Lawn Park District. The workshop will be held on Tuesday,

September 11 from 7 - 9:30pm. Participants will complete several projects, including greeting cards and gift bags, using various techniques. Samples of how to add stamping to your scrapbook pages will also be shown. Please bring your own colored pencils and scissors. Workshops are open to those ages 18 and up. Fee is \$9.50 for Oak Lawn residents and \$11.50 for nonresidents. For more information, please call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

• Trip: Lake Geneva Cruise and Luncheon - Join the Oak Lawn Park District as we board the Belle of the Lake, a turn of the century

steamer replica, on Friday, September 14. We will enjoy a delicious lunch as we cruise along on beautiful Lake Geneva. After the cruise, there will be time to shop in the quaint downtown shops.

The Let Me Arrange It Motorcoach will depart from the Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.) at 8:30am and return at 7:30pm. Fee is \$52 for Oak Lawn Residents and \$57 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is August 27. For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

• Trip: Lighthouse Outlet Mall - Join the Oak Lawn Park District as we journey to Michigan City, Indiana for a day of bargain shopping on Wednesday, September 19. The outlet mall has over 130 stores including Crate and Barrel, Coach, Liz Claiborne and Tommy Hilfiger.

This is an outdoor mall, so please dress appropriately. Lunch will be on your own. The Let Me Arrange It Motorcoach will depart from the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St.) at 9am and return at 6pm. Fee is \$20 for Oak Lawn Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. Registration deadline is September 10. For more information, call the Oak View Center at (708) 857-2200.

• START SAVING TODAY! - 2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!! Books are \$20.00 and all proceeds support the Oak Lawn Special Olympics. Entertainment book make great gifts!! Stop by any of the following park district facilities to purchase your book.

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
708-857-2200

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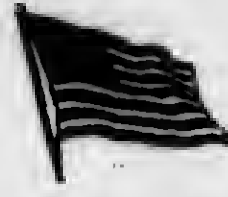
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# VILLAGE VIEW

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August 21, 2007

### Blue Island approves property requests

by Matt Mayer

The city council concurred with a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals at a recent Blue Island city council meeting. To subdivide a parcel of property zoned R-1 single family residential into two lots at 3133 W. 141st Street. For the purpose of constructing two single-family homes. The city council also concurred with the Zoning Board of Appeals, and approved a property variance which is zoned R-1 single-family residential, at 12535 S. Vincennes Avenue. The variance is for the construction of a two-story building.

An ordinance prohibiting parking on the east side of Vincennes Avenue from 12507 to 12561 was also approved. The ordinance defines parking as the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, unless temporarily for the purpose of loading or unloading. The operator of any vehicle failing to comply with the provisions of the ordinance shall be fined \$50.00 and not more than \$250.00 for each offence. The ordinance also states that a second offence shall be deemed committed on each day during the violation.

### Easing The Side Effects Of Cancer Treatments

(NAPSA)-Americans have become increasingly aware of the numerous treatment options available to cancer patients. Yet many do not know about the side effects some treatments can have.

For instance, a condition called oral mucositis (OM) is one of the most debilitating and common complications of cancer treatment. Yet a recent survey found that 97 percent of OM sufferers believe there is little or no awareness among the general public of the condition.

The low level of public awareness may be explained by a perceived lack of effective treatments and information about OM—a problem cited by 85 percent of the survey respondents.

"Oral mucositis is one of the most common, debilitating and painful side effects of cancer therapy, and the compelling results of this survey underscore the significant unmet medical needs among cancer patients, caregivers and physicians," said Michael D. Becker, president and CEO of Cytogen Corporation.

Becker's company, which sponsored the survey, recently licensed and introduced Caphosol(r), an advanced electrolyte solution for the treatment of OM. Additionally, the company launched a patient education and support Web site at [www.careom.com](http://www.careom.com) as part of its CAREOM(tm) (Caphosol Relieves Oral Mucositis) initiative.

The five OM symptoms most frequently mentioned by survey participants were redness and swelling (54 percent), burning pain (47 percent), difficulty opening one's mouth (46 percent), difficulty speaking (40 percent), and tooth and/or gum disease (35 percent).

About OM  
Oral mucositis is a painful inflammation of mucous membranes in the mouth. It interferes with a patient's ability to eat and has a negative effect on quality of life.

The condition is estimated to affect as many as 400,000 cancer patients each year. OM affects approximately 40 percent of cancer patients who receive chemotherapy, more than 70 percent of those un-

### Fall outdoor soccer registration is open

Practice begins the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September and the games begin September 22, 2007. The resident Price is \$70 for resident and Non-Resident \$80. Includes picture package, uniform, great coaches, and fun! Call for more information, (708) 389-1003.

### Alsip Park District Flag Football

Alsip Park District Fall Mca's Flag Football registration is open New This year - Up Rights for field goals and extra points and new league report/scouting news Games begin Sunday September 16th at Sears Park, Located at 123rd and Trumbull in Alsip Resident Price \$525.00/ Non Resident Price \$575.00 More information call (708) 389-1003 Fall Co-Ed and Women's Volleyball Leagues Start the 3rd week of September Resident price \$200.00/ Non resident \$250.00 All I.H.S.A. Certified Officials Great locations and leagues for recreation and competitive players More information (708) 389-1003

dergoing conditioning therapy for bone marrow transplantation and virtually all patients receiving radiation therapy for head and neck cancer.

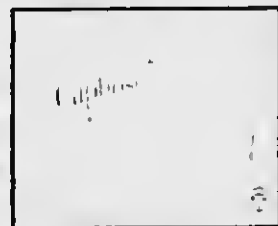
#### Diagnosing A Problem

Only half of survey respondents reported having received a formal diagnosis of OM and 25 percent were unable to find any treatment that relieved their symptoms. Those unmet medical needs may be due to a general perception that OM is not con-

sidered a serious condition—a sentiment voiced by 53 percent of the survey respondents.

"I don't think there's a great deal of awareness both in the media or a patient's standpoint about this side effect," explains Kenneth Miller, M.D., professor, medical oncology, Harvard Medical School. "It's important that patients be proactive and they understand that this is a major complication associated with the use of high-dose chemotherapy and radiation therapy."

To learn more about OM and its treatment options, visit [www.careom.com](http://www.careom.com).



A survey found that many cancer patients are unaware that there is a treatment for a common chemotherapy side effect.

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, customers are reaching for debit or credit cards instead of cash when making purchases at quick service restaurants such as fast-food restaurants and coffee shops. According to a recent Visa survey of cardholders, 68 percent of respondents said paying with cards at quick service restaurants is faster than paying with cash.

Not only are women playing video games more than ever, they are now creating them, too. One of the most popular online games, "Dream Day Honeymoon," was created and produced especially for women by Cara Ely.

A new campaign called "I Decide To Fight Diabetes" will support research, information and advocacy efforts of the American Diabetes Association (ADA). To show support and to get a charm or logo gear, call (800) DIABETES or visit [diabetes.org/IDecide](http://diabetes.org/IDecide).

### Chicago Jazz Festival kicks off August 30

CHICAGO—Symphony Center celebrates the Opening Night of the 2007 Chicago Jazz Festival with a performance by the Herbie Hancock Quartet on Thursday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m. With an illustrious career spanning five decades, Mr. Hancock is a true icon of modern music, celebrated throughout the world as a visionary who consistently expands the possibilities of musical thought.

Mr. Hancock is joined for this concert by bassist Nathan East, drummer Vinnie Colaiuta and guitarist Lionel Loueke. Tickets are required for this performance, which is presented in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Jazz Institute of Chicago as part of the 2007 Chicago Jazz Festival.

Herbie Hancock boasts a career whose explorations have transcended limitations and genres. He has moved fluidly between almost every development in acoustic and electronic jazz and R&B since the 1960s, and is constantly met with both critical and audience acclaim.

Born in Chicago in 1940, he was a piano prodigy who performed a selection from a Mozart piano concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the age of 11. He began playing jazz as a student at Hyde Park High School, and was discovered at age 20 by trumpeter Donald Byrd.

In 1963, Hancock was invited to join the legendary Miles Davis Quintet, playing on such classic albums as "ESP," "Nefertiti" and "Sorcerer." After leaving Miles Davis in 1968, he delved into the new style

of electronic jazz-funk, and in 1973, his "Head Hunters" album became jazz's first platinum album.

He began playing to stadium-size crowds all over the world, and he also launched a successful career in television and feature film music, penning the theme to Bill Cosby's Emmy Award-winning "Hey, Hey, Hey, It's Fat Albert" and the score to the Academy Award-winning "Round Midnight." During the last two decades, he has continued to experiment with new styles and push the boundaries of his music, returning to acoustic jazz and also making forays into the worlds of pop, techno and R&B—winning 10 Grammy Awards in the process.

In 2004, he was recognized with the NEA Jazz Master Award.

Complete event information follows: Thursday, August 30, 7:30 p.m. HERBIE HANCOCK QUARTET HERBIE HANCOCK, Piano NATHAN EAST, Bass VINNIE COLAIUTA, Drums LIONEL LOUEKE, Guitar Presented in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Jazz Institute of Chicago as part of the 2007 Chicago Jazz Festival.

Tickets: \$11-\$36. Tickets can be purchased by calling CSO Ticketing at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or by visiting the CSO's Web site at [cso.org](http://cso.org) or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604.

Student tickets can be purchased, subject to availability, at the Box Office on the day of the concert or in advance at [cso.org](http://cso.org).

Box Office and CSO Ticketing hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (during concert season).

For group rates, please call 312-294-3040. Artists' programs





Jackie Mari

## NumAstrology

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for August 21st: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackieMari.Com for my Celebrity Profiles...and Telefriend!

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: There are new doors opening to you for financial gain. Pick the right door and go, go, go!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Being super on target this week, you might take a chance on the lottery and win.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Someone is about to make you a business or career offer...you should consider it.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You are not a robot. Let people know that even brilliant people like you need a hug.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini/Virgo: Be soft, be sweet and even sexy this week. You are ready for the big SMEP [Love].

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus/Libra: Watch your back this week, especially at work. Health improves, and money finds you!

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You could make the mistake of seeking quantity over quality. You get what you pay for.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries/Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: someone wants to partner up with you.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th of any sign & Pisces: Try to be more upbeat, more open to suggestions at work, and start saving some money!

I'm available for Personal & Confidential Psychic Sessions with you, in person or by phone [taped, with reportedly over 90% accuracy in my psychic predictions]. Consider Autognosis or Hypnotherapy for most any problem area. Psychic Counseling also available. Call my office at 708-532-8400 for info or to schedule your appt with me. Have a House Party [Host/Hostess can be Free]. Call us.

Thru August 31st you can have the ePSYCHICAnswers by phone, or online. It's available for \$19.95. My Psychic Impressions are looking ahead 6 to 12 months. Call us or go Online to JackieMari.Com

Psychic Mini-Sessions available from 7pm at The Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero on the 1st & 3rd Mon each month]. Next date is September 17th. Appts best/walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for Regular Services [walk-ins welcome].

Psychic Insights  
Questions and Psychic Answers  
Challenged Children

The very thought of an adult abusing, raping & killing their own child is appalling. 13 year old blind Chicago girl Elisa Miles was killed by her own mother & step dad. Such cowards should die the same way they killed their child. Elisa was said to have had many cigarette burns on her body & that she was mentally challenged as well. I have an Autistic son. I know they can't defend themselves against cruelty, rape, usury, being ignored, mistreated or killed. Most of these children trust the ones they must live with, yet live in terror or fear every day. I take exception when I am told "these monsters must have been abused themselves or had a bad childhood." It's a legal cop out!

Jackie Mari & Allyn

The Taste of Orland Park once again presented the residents of Orland Park and the surrounding communities with first rate entertainment and a wonderful menu of tantalizing foods that would tempt and satisfy all who visited.

Although the weather presented a challenge at times, the weekend was clearly a success and enjoyed by people of all ages from near and far.

As we close the books on the Taste of Orland Park 2007, I must congratulate the individuals who comprise the "Taste of Orland Park Team" who are instrumental in planning and producing this event. These team members come from all the departments within the village and combine their expertise for the benefit of this festival. Patty Vlazny took over the event this year and did an excellent job leading the team along with her right hand Gail Blumner. Sue Wagner continues as our restaurant director extraordinaire, overseeing the actual food preparation and ensuring the safety of the process with the able assistance of Jean Miles. Margie Owens-Klotz did a splendid job of creating all the promotional materials, press releases and advertising in print media with the assistance of Amber Wilk. Donna Kouba and Michelle Moore planned out the Karaoke qualifying rounds and lead it through completion at the community stage at the fest with the able assistance of intern Kim DeRose. Lorri Padour and Irene Buikema organized and over saw the volunteers and community service workers to assure the seamless operation of those functions so dependant on these staffers. Dave Rauch and Ryan Callaghan worked tirelessly, patrolling their areas to be certain all provisions for parking and signage were attended to and maintained. Kurt Heinlen and Liz Nowak coordinated the adult beverage service with attention to security to assure the integrity of the operation. Stephanie Simpson and Ray Pistonni maintained the soft drink and water aspect of the beverage service, monitoring each vendor and meeting their needs. Ed Larke and Dennis Wokurka worked exhaustively to

assure the electrical operation and safety of the vendors and the patrons attending the Taste and Bill Dahlman provided telephone lines for the ATM, and the radio stations that broadcasted from the Taste. Mary Klinger and Norm Johnson took responsibility for the Classic Car Show from first notice to the awarding of prizes for the participants. Paula Swanson handled the tedious paperwork assuring that all necessary details were tended to. Lynn McQueary along with Jack Knight tended to the licensing requirements for vendor participation. Deborah Graham put a friendly face on the Sportplex that community members going forward will identify with our health facility. Gina Hassett stepped up to assist Patty in whatever capacity needed. Maureen Weitz and Kevin Navas brought the community booths into the Taste and directed their participation for the weekend. Sgt Jim Bianci of the Orland Park Police Dept coordinated the security for the event with our officers and along with Chuck Rabideau of ESDA provided a safe and secure environment for families to enjoy. Jenoy Farrel and Rebecca Perkus planned and directed a wonderful Kid's Day program for youthful attendees on Saturday. And Janice Hozzian conducted the Teen Battle of the Bands. Isiah Wiggs and Lee Beck oversaw the grounds crews to assure a clean and well maintained environment. The volunteers, such as Jackie Neven, another village staffer, along with her husband, Jim, to volunteered their time to staff an entrance that exemplifies the sentiment of the Taste of Orland Park

team. Battalion Chief Joe Copeland of the OFPD joined us this year as another measure to contribute to the overall safety of the event.

A special mention must be made of Gary Couch of the Parks Dept. Gary was the "go to" person for all tasks related to the foundation of the event. If something needed to be moved, a tent for instance, Gary arranged it. Getting materials needed, building props, overseeing operations, Gary Couch did a tremendous job and was backed up by Matt Creed.

The department directors and village administrators must also be acknowledged for the assistance provided and enabling members of their staff to contribute in such a significant way to the success of the weekend. Frank Stec pitched in when called upon; even to help build a dance floor for performers in front of the main stage. Annmarie Mampe, and Sarah Schueler did the background work, accounting, billing, and also arranging for the ATM. The village administrators gave unqualified support to this event which added to the "can do" attitude that prevailed in the planning and execution. Ellen Baer, Assistant Village Manager, and Nancy Flores, Recreation Director worked an admission gate as well! RJ Zeder's support of this event was clear in the way he encouraged staff participation and monitored the progress of the event.

If I missed anyone, I apologize. It is so hard to remember everyone who made a contribution, there are so many. A team member was quoted in the press last week as saying that everyone involved with The Taste wanted to throw the best party for the residents of Orland Park. I think they succeeded, and I want to

thank them all for their hard work. I have been privileged to work with this team for these past 4 years, and I look forward to future Taste of Orland Park weekends! Patricia Gira Trustee, Village of Orland Park

### Moraine Valley offers new Degree Program in Secondary Science

Moraine Valley Community College now offers an associate's degree program to prepare transfer students who plan to obtain careers in the high-need area of secondary education science teachers. Students obtaining this 62-hour Associate in Arts in Teaching Secondary Science degree should have equal status with university students at the beginning of their junior year.

This program requires the completion of three communication courses, two math courses, General Biology I and II (BIO 111 and 112), Introduction to Life Sciences (EAS 120), two Humanities and Fine Arts courses, two Social and Behavioral Health Science courses, Introduction to Education (EDU 100), Chemistry I and II (CHM 131 and 132), Mechanics (PHY 203), and other electives based on transfer institution requirements.

Registration for the fall semester is currently underway. In-district tuition is \$67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

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## Louis S. Viverito Stickney Township Supervisor announces Concert in the Park

Concert in the Park features the Convertibles Barbershop Quartet.

The Louis S. Viverito Senior Center located at 7745 S. Leamington, Burbank will be hosting a concert in the Park on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

Join us for a fun filled day of entertainment by the Convertibles Barbershop Quartet. Entertainment begins at 10:00 a.m. at Owens Park located next door to the Senior Center.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 A.M. To register for the concert and lunch please call (708) 636-8850.

## St. Bede Venerable Church presents community get together

The new school year has started and The St. Bede community has begun the festivities for the year. The Summer Bash I was held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and it was a huge success. More than 600 people enjoyed the event. "I had a great time, the music and food were great. I had so much fun" as stated by parishioner Shari Sagot. The event was chaired by Bob Lang and Joann Cahill.

Well there is so much more to come. St. Bede is a very active community and

there is so much to enjoy. Mark your calendars for the following events. Ladies night out bunco is Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The tickets are going fast. The Fall Ball dinner dance "A toast to you" will be held on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 in the church hall. The dinner dance will include a \$5000.00 raffle, silent raffle and so much more.

Tickets will go on sell for the Fall Ball and Bunco on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in the church rectory.

Please join the St. Bede community as they celebrate families, friends and neighbors. For more information about St. Bede Church, please call the rectory at 773-884-2000.

## Southwest Conference of Women at Trinity Lutheran in Oak Lawn

Trinity Lutheran Church, 97<sup>th</sup> and Brandt, Oak Lawn will be hosting a gathering of the ELCA/ Southwest Conference of Women on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am with coffee/rolls, a short business meeting then a program featuring Gerri Smith doing a "Portrayal of Sarah", followed by a buffet-style luncheon.

The closing worship service will be officiated by Pastor Norman Femrite and will conclude at 2pm. Cost is \$8 and you need a reservation. Call Mickey VonAsten at 708-422-2355.

There will be an offering designated to the South Suburban Crisis center in Tinley Park.

It is an important meeting so come for a good experience and to represent your church

## Diamond Celebration Sixty Glorious Years

Sister Mary Ventura OP joined The Dominican Order in Springfield Illinois in 1945 on Labor Day. Two years later she was professed as a Springfield Dominican and has been teaching since then. Sr. Mary said "I have enjoyed every moment and wouldn't change anything".

Sr. Mary's first years were spent teaching first graders at Our Lady of Grace School in Chicago. After that she taught fourth grade and later junior high science as well as classes for beginning teachers. Sr. Mary now directs an Essential Learning Solutions Lab (ELS) at St. Bernadette School in Evergreen Park.

ELS, as the computerized program is called, can help anyone who struggles to learn. The youngest student is four years old and the oldest was in her eighties.

The ELS Lab offers an individualized approach that uses computers to make the learning process fun. Not only can it make reading enjoyable, but also makes all learning easier. ELS improves memory, processing, concentration and comprehension. Adults who have never mastered reading can now do so. College students who struggle find learning manageable. Younger students who have never been successful are now able to get grades that make them proud.

Sr. Mary plans to offer a class especially geared for adults who have never learned to read. The ELS program offers hope for anyone who has never been able to read. Reading skills helps adults get better job

possibilities in the future. There is no age limit for Sr. Mary's program and it is a chance to learn and what one does with in the future is up to them. For further information call 708-857-2005.

Although Sr. Mary has only been teaching for 60 years, the Dominican Order has been in existence for 200 years. Founded by St. Dominic in 1207, Dominicans continue to serve God's people all over the world. There are many Springfield Dominicans currently serving in the Chicago and surrounding areas.

St. Bernadette Parish plans to celebrate with Sister Mary on September 22, 2007. Festivities begin at the 4 o'clock Mass at St. Bernadette Church. A reception will follow.

Sr. Mary Ventura is chair of the Education Committee with the Italian American Women's Club (IAWC) that meets in Evergreen Park.

As a cofounding member of IAWC, Sr. Mary has held various offices in the past eight years. The IAWC has had two books published. The Italian American Woman of Chicagoland, currently at Borders Book Store and the cookbook "Italian Favorite Recipes". These two books have provided funding for scholarships for high school graduates of Italian descent and returning adults for career changes.

Just a reminder, anyone who is interested in learning how to read and to comprehend what you read, call for help by contacting Sister at 708-857-2005.

Village View Publications congratulates Sister Mary Ventura on her 60 year anniversary in the Springfield Dominican Order.



## Bridgeview poised to make a big splash

by Matt Mayer

Seth Martin founder of Ann Harbor Michigan based developer Martin Capital Developer presented an artist rendering at the Bridgeview Board of Trustees meeting for a \$65 million water park and hotel complex to be constructed on nine acres of property at the northwest corner of 71st Street and Harlem Avenue. The developer purchased this property from the village for \$5.5 million. The 50,000 square foot water park is slated to be constructed between two hotels, which will encompass several water slides, a "lazy river", as well as an outdoor pool.

The exact hotels have not as yet been determined. However Martin has been meeting with representatives from Hampton Inn and Suites and Hilton Garden Inn. The hotels are slated to each have 125 guest rooms, meeting rooms and a shared separate 250 space parking lot. The complex is also slated to include an arcade, retail space and restaurants. Village officials are hopeful that the Bridgeview complex, including Toyota Park will become a year round entertainment destination. Ground breaking for the project is slated to commence in October with a target completion date of April 2009. All businesses within the new complex will be assessed a 1 percent "Toyota Park Hotel Privilege Tax", which will be used to market the complex.

## Oak Lawn Public Library Open Sundays

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will resume Sunday hours starting September 16. The library's hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., mid-September through mid-May.

## Library Hosts Youth Chess Club

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., is starting up a Chess Club for kids and young adults up through tenth grade that will meet Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m., September 19 through October 17. Beginners as well as experienced players are invited to participate. Instructions and game boards will be provided, but members may opt to bring their own set. Advanced registration required.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Library Seeks Input from Teens

Students in grades six through 10 are invited to participate on the Oak Lawn Public Library Teen Advisory Board 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, September 19. Teens can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. The group holds regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. No registration required. Light refreshments are provided.

For more information, call 708-422-4990. The library is located at 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St.



#### OAK LAWN SENIOR HAPPENINGS

On Monday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m. the Center for Hearing from Christ Advocate Medical Center will present information about the difficulties of hearing loss and how to improve your quality of life through better communication strategies and hearing aids. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the presentation.

Thursday, September 17th is Box Lunch Day sponsored by Little Company of Mary Home Based Services, 9800 Southwest Highway. They will discuss their "Care in the Home" program. Home care can include skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, hospice care, medical equipment and supplies, personal care and doctor home visits. The must see presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and bingo. The cost is \$3.00 and seating is limited.

The Senior Center is located at 5330 West 95 Street and can be reached at 708-499-0240. FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The Senior Citizen Council will hold a Fall Rummage Sale at the Senior Center, 5330 West 95 Street on Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th. The Wednesday and Thursday prior to the sale will be drop off days for those wishing to donate items. Donations may include pots, pans, dishes, glasses, plants, books, records, videos, small appliances, knickknack, jewelry and clean articles of clothing. Those who cannot drop items off may call for a pickup at 499-0240.

Lunch will be available at the Center for a nominal fee. Raffle tickets will also be sold with gift certificates to local businesses as prizes.



U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin discusses his support of increasing Pell grants with Saint Xavier University student Joanna Beituni.

### Sen. Dick Durbin talks Pell grants at Saint Xavier University

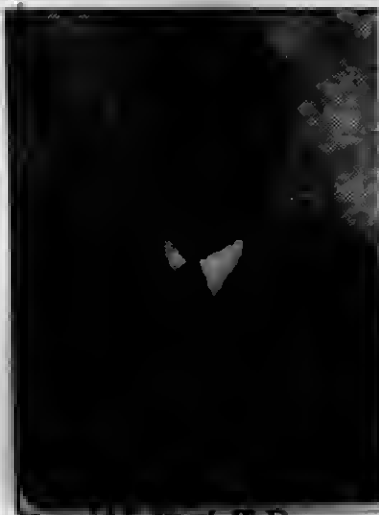
U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) discussed his support for increasing grant aid to college students at a roundtable discussion Wednesday at Saint Xavier University's Orland Park campus. Recent federal legislation, the Higher Education Access Act, passed the U.S. Senate by a vote of 78-17 on July 19.

Joined by Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., and three Saint Xavier students, Durbin discussed how students and parents in Illinois would benefit from more than \$850 million in new grant aid in the next six years.

"The cost to attend a public four-year college has risen by 42 percent during the past five years, causing severe hurdles for many American students," Durbin said. "I have been a strong supporter of increasing the maximum Pell grant to help both students and parents—not just those from poverty-stricken areas, but those who come from middle-income households, farm families and the families of recent immigrants."

SXU senior psychology major Adeeb Odeh said being eligible for federal financial aid "has been crucial" in helping offset the cost of his education.

"The importance of increasing the amount of federal funding is essential to this country's educational system and ensuring that students like me have the resources to continue their education," said Odeh, of Oak Forest, Ill.



Donald F. Pratl, PhD

Donald F. Pratl, PhD completed his Doctoral Degree with Honors at Capella University's School of Business and Technology in March.

Don received his PhD in Organization and Management with Emphasis in Finance. He participated in the commencement exercises on August 11th at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Don and his wife Rita and their three daughters live in Chicago Ridge.

### Burbank Fall Registration

Resident registration for all Fall Programs begins Monday August 27th at Newcastle Park Recreation Center. Non resident registration begins Tuesday September 4th. Register early for all the great programs the Burbank Park District has to offer this fall.

#### Preschool

Our Preschool program is designed to assist the preschooler in learning to follow directions, getting along with others and developing the basic skills for Kindergarten. Children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2007 to enable the child to attend Kindergarten the following year. Birth certificates and immunization records are required at time of registration. Choose either the M/W/F class at

\$109 for residents, \$150 for non residents or the T/TH class at \$89 for residents, \$125 for non residents. Session 1 begins September 17th. You can register at any time for Preschool.

#### Playschool

The Playschool program is designed for children who will be going to Kindergarten in two years or less. In this early childhood program, students work towards mastering fine motor and socialization skills. Children will participate in singing and movement games, seasonal arts and crafts and other fun filled activities that develop the social and educational needs of 3 and 4 year olds. Children must be potty trained and out of diapers. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2007. Birth certificates and immunization records are required at time of registration. Choose either the M/W/F class at \$109 for residents, \$150 for non residents or the T/TH class at \$89 for residents, \$125 for non residents. Session 1 begins September 17th. You can register at any time for Playschool.

For more information call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.

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## House Committee approves bill to fund mass transit

In a strong demonstration of bipartisanship, members of the Illinois House Committee on Mass Transit approved a transit funding and reform proposal by a 15-4 vote yesterday. The comprehensive, balanced plan, Senate Bill 572, would implement recommendations for reform at the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the transit agencies and provide funds to address operating shortfalls at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. Funds are needed to avoid drastic fare hikes, service cuts and layoffs that are scheduled to occur in mid September.

"Over the last year, the entire region has sent a strong message to Springfield about the need to invest in mass transit," said Jim Reilly, Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). "The committee's action shows that our voice is being heard."

The vote came on the heels of Tuesday's rally to save mass transit, which drew a crowd of hundreds and was led by a bipartisan coalition of regional leaders, including Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and DuPage County Chairman Bob Schillerstrom.

Chair of the House Committee on Mass Transit, State Representative Julie Hamos (D-Evanston), sponsored Senate Bill 572. Chair Hamos said the plan would fill operating shortfalls at the region's transit agencies and allocate money equitably across CTA, Metra and Pace services. The bill now moves to the floor of the Illinois House for approval.

"We are encouraged by the support shown by the committee," noted Steve Schlickman, RTA Executive Director. "City and suburban legislators understand how important it is for us to act soon to provide the needed funding."

Last week, the RTA board of directors approved contingency plans for the transit system that would cut services, increase fares, cut jobs and defer capital investments and maintenance projects indefinitely. Without additional funding, those changes will take effect on September 16.

Transit officials say the so-called "doomsday" scenario would jeopardize the region's economy, lead to greater congestion on roads, degrade air quality and strand thousands who rely on public transit everyday.

RTA Executive Director Steve Schlickman said the House vote gives him hope that his agency will not be forced to impose such massive service cuts.

"The General Assembly realizes how public transportation benefits our entire region," said Schlickman. "Investing in our region's transit system can help reduce pollution and improve our quality of life."

Transit proponents say that the bipartisan legislation echoes more than 25,000 emails and letters from residents throughout the six-county region to their legislators as well as Senate and House leadership. The transit system includes Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

DuPage County Chairman Bob Schillerstrom, along with other key Republicans, lent his support to the bill. "This is not a city issue or a suburban issue," said Schillerstrom, speaking at Tuesday's rally. "It's a quality of life and economic development issue."

The Illinois House will convene to vote on the transportation bill on September 4.

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"Activating pre-installed programs like Norton Internet Security protects computers from cyberthreats, data loss and identity theft," says Marian Merritt, Internet Safety Advocate from Symantec. "And, consumers need to remember to renew software subscriptions after the introductory subscription period, typically 30-90 days, ends."

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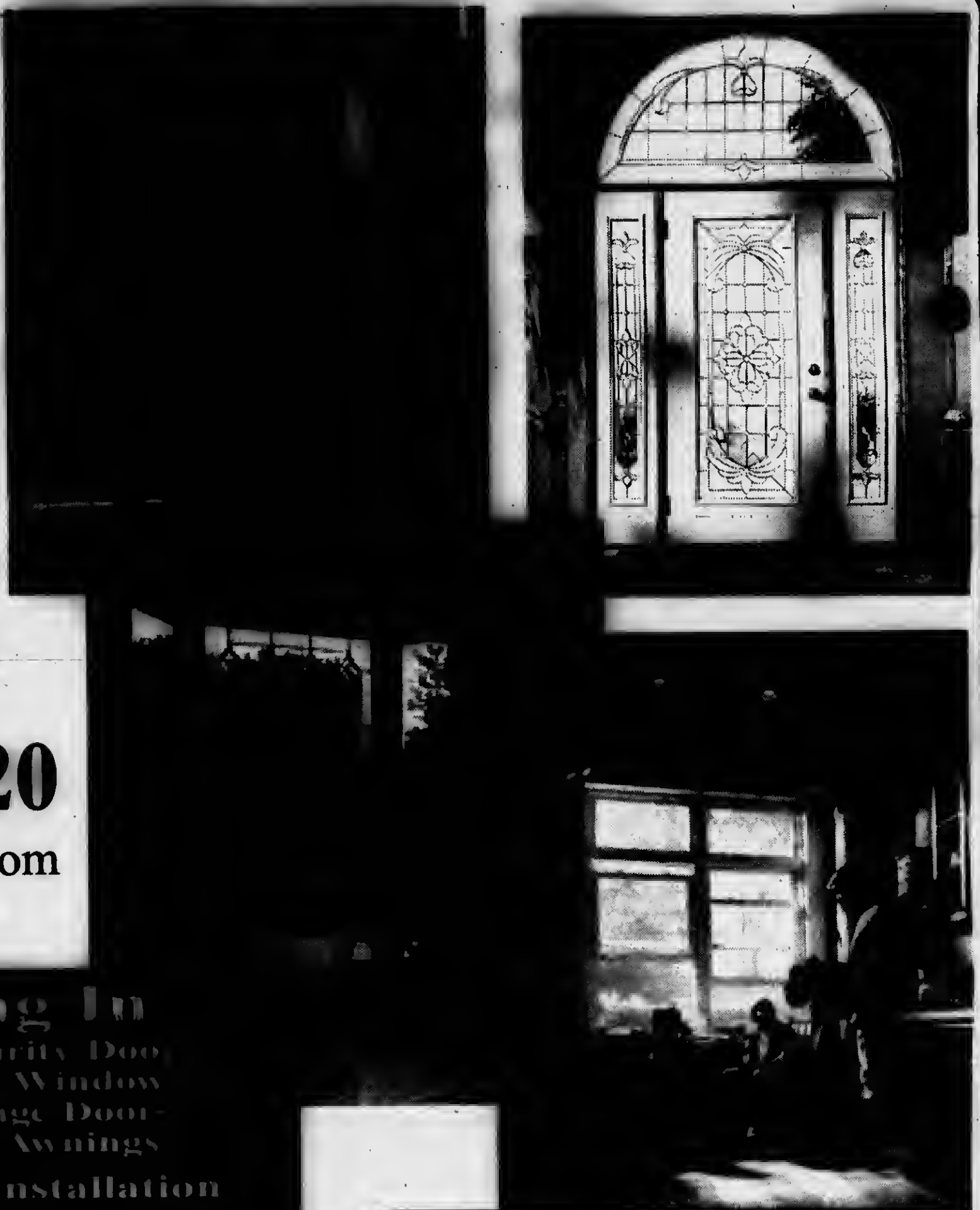
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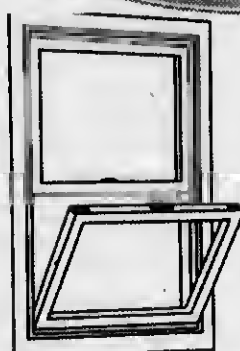
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### Fall 2007 Library Programs for Children and Teens

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is now accepting registrations for its fall series of programs for children and

teens. Patrons may sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each participant's library card must be presented at enrollment.

This season's activities for kids include: weekly storytimes for children ages six months through second grade; a monthly afterschool program for boys in third through fifth grade; monthly Yu-Gi-Oh game events; a weekly chess club for children up through grade 10; monthly book discussions for girls in third through fifth grade and their mothers; a scavenger hunt where students up through eighth grade will search for answers to win a prize; a Child ID program coordinated with the Oak Lawn Police; and a not-so-spooky Halloween magic show.

The following teen programs are open to students in sixth through tenth grade: the Junior Friends of the Library volunteer group; a Teen Advisory Board that meets monthly to advise the library on how it can better serve teens; monthly game nights; and a teen lock-in after-hours party that will occur when the library is closed registration begins Saturday, October 13 for late fall storytimes.

For additional information, pick up a Fall 2007 program booklet in the Youth Services Department, library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) or call 708-422-4990.

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### Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for Sept 4: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com...and Telfriend!

Remembering Pat B. 9-12

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Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Leo: You could be making the biggest move into a successful endeavor this week or next. R aids.

Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Because you are so cautious this week, opportunity may pass you by. Wake up! D aids.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: The only person in your way is you. Take a breath, make a plan, follow through.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: A stranger steps in and helps you. Money is an issue but the matter solves itself. H aids.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini/Virgo: Read the above message too: do your best and let God do the rest. Health improves.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus/Libra: In the book of life you see many things that you cannot touch or have. Enjoy what you have.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: You get news about a wedding, a baby, and about someone who wins money. Be happy! D aids.

Born on the 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aries/Scorpio: M and someone in a professional field aids your efforts and, you could hit the big times.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Pisces: Read the Scorpio message too. This is a week of mysteries that solve themselves. Cash comes too.

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I Take Back My Life

Answer for G.L. of Orland Pk: About my tape "I Take Back My Life," it tells the plight of people in becoming the individuals they want to be. No one should be expected to POD [perform on demand] or become a carbon copy of anyone. We are all a "self" and that self should not have to compromise ideals in favour of what someone else decides might be a better life, talent, mate, or vocation, for them. Side 2 of this tape describes how a person can prevent tension, anxiety, stress, and boredom [yes, boredom also fits in it]. It's called **Shhh!** It calms and can help to heal a person. K.T. of Southern Illinois says, "I'm a Psychic and I help people. I see you soon becoming very rich!" Thanks!

Jacki Mari & Allyn



## People You Should Know

Lois Guilfoyle, resident of Hometown for 25 years, is someone you should know. As co-founder of the Southwest Chapter of Nami, Lois says, "if you can't take care of yourself, you can't take care of anyone else."

Nami is a southwest group of families, friend, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases.

Lois first co founded an organization called Reach in 1979. Reach is a 12 step support group for the families of persons with a mental or emotional illness. The group meets the 1st Tues. of the month at 7:45 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn.

Lois and her husband Michael have been involved in Reach, Sunshine Club and Nami since 1979 and continually work with people to help them, help themselves.

What everyone seems to know is if you want something accomplished ask a busy person. "People thought I should be a social worker," said Lois. She is a well accomplished person who graduated from Governor State University in 1995.

Her major was Psychology/Communications. While working on her Masters in Communications, she discovered her husband of 52 years began to have hardening of the arteries and suffered several mini strokes. Mike has suffered some memory loss and symptoms of Parkinson disease, yet he is very hopeful for his future.

Life presents such journeys who would guess one's children are diagnosed with mental

illness, such as schizo-affective disease or hypomanic depression, now called Bi-Polar, or alcoholism with depression. Lois and Michael have four children. Two fell in the depths of suicide, one is institutionalized in a health-care center facility with an opportunity for day care rehab and one is a full time teacher.

This is the reason why Lois co founded three organizations pertaining to mental health. Lois

said, "I don't know how I would have survived without friends I met in our groups. Having someone who could understand how much help and understanding I needed in order to survive, so I could advocate for better medications, better living conditions, and change the stigma attached to mental illnesses!"

For more information on various support groups, contact Nami Southwest at 708-425-0925.

## Seniors September Luncheon

Orland Hills Community Center is having there Seniors September Luncheon Monday Sept 10, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be serving Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Salad, and Corn Niblets. MMMMM Good, plus Live Entertainment.

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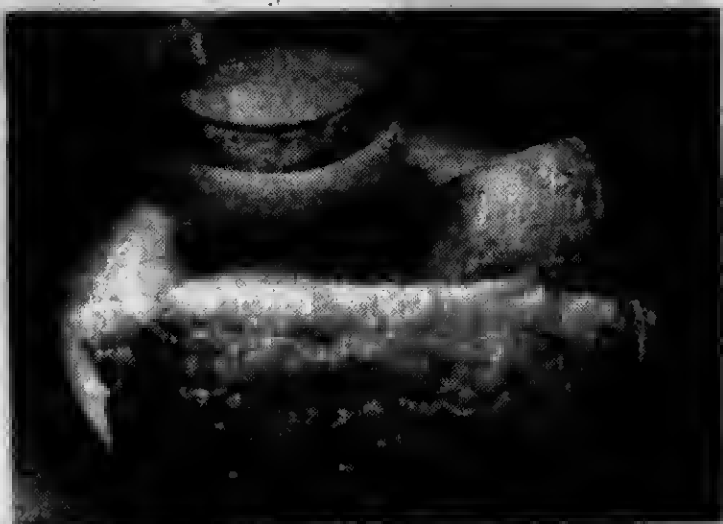
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## THE GAME OF LIFE

It was the toe tapping tune that got my attention, but what kept me glued to the t.v was trying to figure out the story behind the music video.

As the lead singer crooned the lyrics, various people, from all walks of life, were going about their business oblivious to the counter of numbers above their heads. everyone had a different sequence floating above them, but they all had one thing in common - all the numbers were going down.

I began to make sense of the musical message when an elderly woman, with rapidly decreasing digits above her hair of snow white, was placed on a stretcher and put into a waiting ambulance. Her eyes closed and as they did, her numbers ran out.

I wonder what it would be like if it were possible to have a visual reminder of our life's minutes ticking by.

Would it be cause to better calculate the way we actually spend our time?

Like pedometers that keep track of our every move, we tend to step it up in the name of better health.

In the game of life, a baby cries and as it is born the counter on the clock starts ticking.

Imagining my own dwindling digits, I wonder just how many minutes and hours I have foolishly wasted.

Tick, tick, tick. I'm thinking about all the times I've been busy putzing in the kitchen while my family sat down with a big bowl of pop corn to enjoy a movie together. There's always something to do or somewhere to be, but maybe there were times when priorities fell short and I'd put mundane chores ahead of taking time to play.

Tick, tick, tick. How many times did I spend worrying needlessly about situations that worked themselves out anyway? Looking back I can't even remember the importance of some of those catastrophes that, at the time, had me at wits end.

There are some who like to think that the measure of a good life is in how financially successful you are. But, when you consider that life is a calibrated set of numbers that represent your time here, it gives new meaning to making the most of your memories.

So... with a pedometer to track my steps for increased health, I'm keeping something else in mind - the measure of minutes unseen above my head.

Of course none of us knows how much time we have - but one thing is for sure - no matter how many minutes we're given, of memories to make - it's the quality and not the quantity that counts.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Stop worrying about the pot holes in the road and celebrate the journey. (Barbara Hoffman.)



Mentor and Mentee, Tiana Cigrand and Debra Tomlinson

## Mentoring is very important

Tiana Cigrand (left) a social worker at Center School, talks with Debra Tomlinson, a newly hired social worker at Century Jr. High. The two are partnered in District 135's mentor/mentee program, BEAMS (Beginning Educators' Assimilation and Mentoring System).

Mentors, comprised of veteran staff members from each grade level, are paired with a new staff member in the same general field. The pairs will meet once every week to discuss a variety of topics, ranging from assessment and parent communication to classroom management and discipline.

The program is run by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Karen Udell, who held the first mentor/mentee meeting of the 2007-08 school year on August 15.

## Stories in Tinley Park

The Tinley Park Public Library, in partnership with the Tinley Park Park District, will be presenting Stories in the Park on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Veteran storyteller Chris Fascione will be presenting the free stories at the Tinley Park Band Shell. The band shell is located on the west side of the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 171<sup>st</sup> Street in Tinley Park. For details, please call 708.532.0160.

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**Safety Program Evaluation Tools**

Thursday, September 13  
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This course will provide management professionals with tools necessary for evaluating and improving the effectiveness of a company's safety culture, safety program, accident/incident investigation, job hazard analyses and employee safety training.

**OSHA's Electrical Standards, Safety Related Work Practices and**

**NFPA 70E Training**  
Wednesday, September 19  
7:30 to 10 a.m.

This course will help identify the primary hazards associated with electrical

work and illustrate how electrical shock affects the human body. This course also will cover some of the most common hazards found at the worksite that violate 29 CFR 1910.301 through 29 CFR 1910.308 and discuss how to correct, eliminate or control those hazards.

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Saturday, September 22  
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**Green Living: Going Beyond Recycling**

Saturday, September 29

Noon to 3 p.m.

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## Center for Performing Arts GSU opens season with the Osmond Show

Marie Osmond and The Osmond Brothers come to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, October 6 at 8pm. Tickets are \$64-\$75. Call the box office at 708-235-2222.

Following the show is a dessert reception in the Hall of Governors at GSU. Reservations are required with ticket (\$50). Proceeds support future programming at The Center.

The show will take the audience down memory lane as Marie and the brothers perform many old favorites. Her three decades in the spotlight demonstrate her versatility and sustained audience interest in many aspects of her entertaining career from music to acting. Her first country music record was

'Paper Roses' at the age of 13 in 1973 and soared to number one on the Billboard and made her the youngest female country artist to achieve the top spot. She continued to build a long run of chart-topping records.

Marie became the youngest person to ever host a television variety series when she teamed with her brother Donny on the widely successful "The Donny and Marie Show" which ran 1976-79. Marie also achieved success as an actress appearing in television movies and theatrical productions including leading roles in "The Sound of Music" and "The King and I" on Broadway.

Two-for-one tickets are available two hours before the performance at the box office for one hour. For group tickets (20 or more) call 800-386-6321. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I 57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

## Noble Fool Theatricals present Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical

The Chicago area premiere of Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical written by Bob and Jim Walton is directed by Michael Weber and presented at Pheasant Run Resort and Spa Mainstage Theatre, 4051 E Main Street in St Charles.

The production runs September 13-November 3, 2007. Tickets are \$27-\$38. Dinner show packages are \$49-\$60 depending on day. Call 630-584-6342 for information.

## Porchlight Music Theatre opens season with Phantom

Porchlight Music Theatre opens season with Phantom by Arthur Kopit with music and lyrics by Maury Yeston. The internationally acclaimed musical is based upon the Gaston Leroux 1910 novel 'The Phantom of the Opera.' The production opens September 16 at 2:30pm and runs through November 11, 2007 at Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W Belmont.

The performance schedule is Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$34-\$35. Call the Theatre building Chicago's box office at 773-327-5252. Porchlight Music Theatre was founded in 1995 and has staged 35 shows. It has received 5 Jeff Awards. Last year's production "Ragtime" was extended several times and moved to a new venue.

For information visit the web at [www.theatrebuildingchicago.org](http://www.theatrebuildingchicago.org).

## Hello Dolly comes to Theatre at t

The multi-award winning husband and wife duo Paula Scrofan and John Reeger star as Dolly and Horace. Set design is by Jack Magaw, lighting by Denise Karczewski.

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## Dance soars in Chicago

by Marijo Doody

At a recent happening at Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion the crowd estimate was at 8000. They were there for the first we hope annual Chicago Dancing-Festival which was breath taking. Dance is popular, but not affordable to lots of persons. The programming was funded by various foundations and presented in Association with the Museum of Contemporary Art and the City of Chicago, Millennium Park. The Chicago Dancing Company founders and co-directors were Lar Lubovitch and Jay Franke planned the event.

Dancers performed from the following local companies: Alvin Ailey American Dance, Joffrey Ballet (JB) and Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago. In addition stars from American Ballet Theatre, Ballet Florida, San Francisco Ballet and New York's COMPLEXIONS Contemporary Ballet performed.

Willowy and flowing dance was seen in the Joffrey and in the American Ballet with 'Light Rain' by Artistic Director Gerald Arpino of JB and the classic powerful "Don Quixote Pas de Deux" premiered at the Boshoi in 1869. Ballet Florida represented jazz dance with music of Dave Brubeck and Alvin Ailey with music by Duke Ellington.

Muntu Dance presented native African dance and rhymes, San Francisco Ballet with 'Concerto Grosso' showed six male dancers with many athletic movements. COMPLEXIONS was modern and to some in the audience seemed disrespectful with 'The Star Spangle Banner'.

Dance Center of Columbia College will feature The Merce Cunningham Dance Company in a return visit to Chicago on October 12 and 13 at Harris Theatre for Music and Dance. The programs span five decades of the legendary choreographer's work. There will be a Dance Master class on October 11 at 6:30pm at the Dance Center, 1306 S Michigan. Class is for dancers at the intermediate or higher level. Cost is \$15 and space is limited. For information call 312-344-6600.

## Steppenwolf production heads east

Steppenwolf Theatre's world premiere of Tracy Letts' "August: Osage County" which recently is closing will be opening on Broadway in November.

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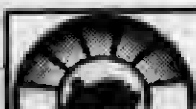
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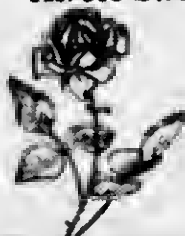


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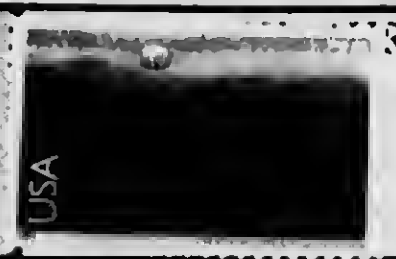
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## PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP

### Ingalls Health System now the Official Health & Wellness Partner of the

#### Tinley Park-Park District

TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 28, 2007 – The Tinley Park-Park District announced today the formation of a partnership with Ingalls Health System, making Ingalls the Official Health & Wellness Partner of the Tinley Park-Park District. Park District staff and commissioners met with Ingalls' executives at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center to launch the new initiative. "This partnership brings a variety of health and wellness education opportunities to the residents of Tinley Park and the surrounding community, many of which will be offered at no charge to participants," commented John Curran, Director of Parks & Recreation for the Tinley Park-Park District. "Part of our mission is to 'enhance the quality of life in Tinley Park' and Ingalls will now play a significant role in helping us achieve that mandate through free health screenings, seminars and educational programs covering issues like smoking cessation, childhood obesity, heart health and more," added Brian Younker, Park District Board President.

Ingalls plans to increase its services and visibility in the Tinley Park community through the new partnership with the Park District. "Our relationship with the Tinley Park-Park District provides us with another opportunity to serve the residents of Tinley Park, in addition to our Family Care Center and medical offices already located in Tinley Park. Part of Ingalls' mission is to 'improve the health of the communities we serve', and this new partnership provides us with one more avenue of service," stated Scott Strausser, Vice President of Business Development at Ingalls.

#### Ingalls Official Wellness Partner of Tinley Park-Park District

Several new programs have already been slated for the fall session at the Park District. Free seminars will cover a variety of topics including pediatric skin conditions, sleep disorders, hip & knee pain and more. In addition, Ingalls plans to host a free Family Health Fair at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center on November 3. "The health fair will include free screenings along with an array of information on staying healthy from head to toe. In conjunction with the Family Health Fair, Ingalls will provide a Lunch & Learn Seminar entitled 'Are You Ready to Stop Smoking?' following the health fair on November 3," stated Joe Moser, Ingalls Vice President.

Ingalls also plans to open a full-service physical therapy practice at Tinley Fitness, the Park District's fitness center located at 175th and Duvan Drive in Tinley Park. Ingalls will utilize approximately 1,400 square feet of space on the second floor of Tinley Fitness that had been previously occupied by a physical therapy practice.

#### About the Tinley Park-Park District

The Tinley Park-Park District maintains over 420 acres of park lands and recreation facilities including its state of the art Bettenhausen Recreation Center, Tinley Fitness – a full-service fitness center, and 40 community park locations. The Tinley Park-Park District was established in 1967.

#### About Ingalls Health System

For more than 83 years, Ingalls has helped the residents of Chicago's South Suburbs to be well through its 563-bed

hospital, four community-based family care centers, centers for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, home care agency, wellness center and medical staff of more than 450 physicians. In addition, Ingalls Memorial Hospital has been named one of "America's Best Hospitals" by U.S. News & World Report for the past six years.

## Orland Education Foundation to host September 8 run/walk

On September 8, 2007, the Orland Education Foundation (O.E.F.) is hosting a Run/Walk at Centennial Park, located near West Avenue and 153rd Street in Orland Park. The Orland Education Foundation is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the enhancement of education for students in Orland School District 135.

To participate as a runner/walker, individuals can either sign up between 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. on site at the Learning Plaza gazebo the morning of the event, or register in advance at [www.orland135.org](http://www.orland135.org). Early registration is recommended to guarantee shirt size. Cost is \$8 for runners 18 and older. Runners age 13 - 17 may participate for free. Children 12 and under may participate in a 1/2 mile "Fun Run"; no registration or payment is necessary for the "Fun Run", which will begin immediately following the conclusion of the run/walk.

Prizes will be awarded to the top two runners in each age group, with additional awards for the top two overall finishers. All run/walk race participants will receive a T-Shirt.

Spectators are encouraged to attend. In addition

to the race excitement, the event includes prizes, music, face painting, snacks and beverages.

The O.E.F. is grateful to its sponsors, including Grand Sponsor: American School Bus Company, and Great Sponsor: Quest Food Service. Gold Sponsors, Silver Sponsors, and Inspirational Sponsors include: FGM Architects; Gallagher & Henry; Genworth Financial; Hilb, Rogal & Hobbs; Lowery McDonnell; Marquette Bank; PMA Financial; Precision Controls; Dr. Susan Rife; First Class School Supplies; First Personal Bank; Gurber, McAndrews, & Norgle, LLC; Hauser, Izzo, DeTella & Petrarca; MB Financial; OCE Copiers; People's Energy; Sraga, Engler & Boyle; Van Gogh Photography; Martin Whalen; William Blair; Original Pancake House; and several anonymous donors.

Additionally, the O.E.F. thanks Advantage Promotions, Blue Cross Blue Shield, First Personal Bank, Kellogg, Pepsi, Polar and U.S. Foods for donations to the run/walk event.

For more information about the run/walk or about the O.E.F., please call 708/364-3335, e-mail [orlandedu.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:orlandedu.foundation@gmail.com), or visit us online at [www.orland135.org](http://www.orland135.org).

## Citizens' Police Academy Returns to Orland Park

### New Police Facility Offers Training Room for Resurrected Class

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS – The Orland Park Police Department has resurrected its Citizens' Police Academy, offering an inside perspective into law enforcement in the Village of

## Oak Forest approves Parental Responsibility ordinance

by Matt Mayer

The city council at the Aug 28 Oak Forest city council meeting approved an ordinance amending the municipal code in order to establish a Parental Responsibility ordinance. This ordinance will arrange parental and legal guardian liability systematically for certain specified acts by minors resulting in injury or property damage. The ordinance amending the municipal code to create a Parental Responsibility ordinance will also arrange parental and legal guardian liability for certain specified acts of minors not resulting in damages.

Other highlights: The city council approved an ordinance amending the municipal code for the establishment of standards for the construction of facilities on the public right of way. A contract was awarded to Raise Right Concrete Lifting, the lowest bidder for \$20,000, for sidewalk and mud jacking.

September 14 and 15 was approved for a Poppy Day fundraiser for VFW Post 4241 as well as a Candy Day fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus Council 5866 for September 21 and 22. A Tag Day fundraiser for the Family Outreach Program on September 28 and 29 was also approved.

#### Orland Park.

"Our new facility includes a training center, which makes community programs like the Citizens' Police Academy possible," explained Orland Park Police

Chief Tim McCarthy.

Village Trustee Patricia Gira, who chairs the village's Public Safety Committee added, "We are very proud of the new police facility and look forward to welcoming the inaugural Citizens' Police Academy to see the building and learn more about all that the department does."

The academy will be held on nine consecutive Thursday evenings, September 20 through November 15, 2007. The group will meet each Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and there is no charge to participate.

"It's been a few years since we last offered the academy," said Orland Park Police Commander Charles Doll. "Our training room in the new building makes it possible to bring it back," he added.

The Orland Park Police Citizens' Police Academy is open to Village of Orland Park residents age eighteen and older. The class is limited to 30 participants. A criminal history review will be conducted on registrants prior to acceptance into the academy.

"We're very excited to offer the academy," said Sergeant Tom Lynch, who is coordinating the program with Investigators Kevin Navas and Wayne Lee.

Lynch explained, "This is a great overview of the department, with weekly focuses on the different police divisions." A variety of topics and divisions will be covered, including traffic, investigations, animal control, identity theft and more.

Registration is available at the Orland Park Police Station, 15100 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, contact Lynch, Navas or Lee at 708/349-4111.





Jacki Mari

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Remembering Pat B. 9-12

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Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

I Take Back My Life

Answer for G.L. of Orland Pk: About my tape "I Take Back My Life," it tells the plight of people in becoming the individuals they want to be. No one should be expected to POD [perform on demand] or become a carbon copy of anyone. We are all a "self" and that self should not have to compromise ideals in favour of what someone else decides might be a better life, talent, mate, or vocation, for them. Side 2 of this tape describes how a person can prevent tension, anxiety, stress, and boredom [yes, boredom also fits in it]. It's called Shhh! It calms and can help to heal a person. K.T. of Southern Illinois says, "I'm a Psychic and I help people. I see you soon becoming very rich!" Thanks!

Jacki Mari & Alya



## People You Should Know

Lois Guilfoyle, resident of Hometown for 25 years, is someone you should know. As co-founder of the Southwest Chapter of Nami, Lois says, "if you can't take care of yourself, you can't take care of anyone else."

Nami is a southwest group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases.

Lois first co founded an organization called Reach in 1979. Reach is a 12 step support group for the families of persons with a mental or emotional illness. The group meets the 1st Tues. of the month at 7:45 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn.

Lois and her husband Michael have been involved in Reach, Sunshine Club and Nami since 1979 and continually work with people to help them, help themselves.

What everyone seems to know is if you want something accomplished ask a busy person. "People thought I should be a social worker," said Lois. She is a well accomplished person who graduated from Governor State University in 1995. Her major was Psychology/Communications. While working on her Masters in Communications, she discovered her

husband of 52 years began to have hardening of the arteries and suffered several mini strokes. Mike has suffered some memory loss and symptoms of Parkinson disease, yet he is very hopeful for his future.

Life presents such journeys who would guess one's children are diagnosed with mental illness, such as schizo-affective disease or hypomanic depression, now called Bi-Polar, or alcoholism with depression. Lois and Michael have four children. Two fell in the depths of suicide, one is institutionalized in a health-care center facility with an opportunity for day care rehab and one is a full time teacher.

This is the reason why Lois co founded three organizations pertaining to mental health. Lois

said, "I don't know how I would have survived without friends I met in our groups. Having someone who could understand how much help and understanding I needed in order to survive, so I could advocate for better medications, better living conditions, and change the stigma attached to mental illnesses!"

For more information on various support groups, contact Nami Southwest at 708-425-0925.

## Village of Orland Park Special Rec To Host Garage Sale

Region's Largest Indoor Garage Sale Returns November 3

The Village of Orland Park Special Recreation Program will host its annual Fall Garage Sale on Saturday, November 3 at the Orland Park Civic Center from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The Orland Park Civic Center is located at 14750

South Ravinia Avenue, one block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45.

"Ours is one of the largest indoor garage sales in the region," said Orland Park Special Recreation Program Supervisor Kris Rau. "We have people who sell the usual household garage sale items and those who sell home party products," she added.

Garage sale participants pay \$20.00 to rent an eight foot banquet table and keep all of the proceeds from their sales. Admission to the sale is free.

Tables are rented on a first come, first serve basis at Orland Park's Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street.

Table rental proceeds benefit the village's Special Recreation Program and its special needs participants. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

## Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 to Hold Fall Round Up

ORLAND PARK, IL - Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 will hold its Fall Round Up on Friday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Orland Junior High School, 14800 West Avenue. The open house is being held for boys in first through third grades, along with their parents.

Orland Park Pack 383 is part of the Nishnabec Division within the Calumet Council. It serves boys from throughout the region. Cub Scouts provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in

the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

"We invite area parents to bring their sons to the Fall Round Up so they can learn more about scouting and all that it offers," said Pack 383 Cubmaster Gerry Klotz.

"Scouts is a great way to enjoy different activities with your son," Klotz said, adding, "We're also looking for parent volunteers to lead the new dens that we'll be forming."

Further information is available by calling Klotz at 708/349-6630 or Pack Committee Chairwoman Sally Kowalczyk at 708/802-9712.

## FREEDOM FROM SMOKING PROGRAM

It's time to kick the habit! Join the Freedom From Smoking Program offered by the Tinley Park-Park District and Ingalls Health System this fall and give up smoking for good!

The program will address many aspects of quitting smoking such as dealing with roadblocks, weight gain, stress management and alternatives to smoking.

The program uses a behavioral approach that teaches you how to become a nonsmoker for good.

Freedom From Smoking will be offered on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Tinley Fitness, 17500 S. Duval Drive in Tinley Park. The program begins September 19 and runs through October 24.

To register for the program contact Ingalls at 708/206-0072. The fee for the program is \$85.

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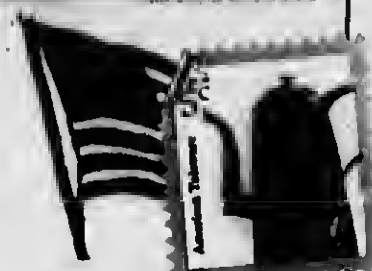
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## Chicago Ridge approves school signage

by Matt Mayer

The village board at the Aug 21 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting approved an ordinance amendment regarding school signs. Additional no parking and no stopping signs shall be installed on the south side of 109th street from Lombard to Lyman Avenues. The police will patrol the area and violators will receive a citation.

Other highlights: The board approved a permit request from AT&T for concrete slabs provided AT&T meets right of way requirements. The concrete slabs which will be used for AT&T video cabinets. A contract with Bruno's Tuckpointing for \$58,920 with a 25-percent contingency for repairs to the former village hall was approved. A block party request for Massasoit Avenue from 110th to 111th Streets as well a block party request for Barnard Avenue from 103rd Street to 104th Streets were also approved.

A public works request for \$1,716.80 for floor cleaning in the municipal building, police department and Public Works building was approved as well as a police department request for tuition reimbursement for Dave Mitchell. The week of September 17 was proclaimed Constitution Week and the month of September was proclaimed Save a Life Month.

## Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens prepares for field trips

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER AND HELP CHILDREN EXPLORE NATURE

As summer comes to a close, Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens is gearing up for a busy autumn of school field trips. Lake Katherine is looking for dedicated volunteers to act as tour guides for the school children.

An outdoor walk is a part of every field trip to Lake Katherine. Tour guide volunteers lead school children and their teachers along the trails, pointing out the many and varied features of the natural world around them.

"Volunteers are vitally important to what we do at Lake Katherine," remarked Marian Sinkus, environmental educator/naturalist for Lake Katherine. "The excitement of the children as they explore the outdoors under the direction of these volunteers is truly amazing"

Volunteers traditionally work on weekday mornings, from late September until mid November; then again late March through early June. The commitment of time is flexible and training is provided.

The Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens will hold volunteer information and orientation meetings at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11th and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12th in the Brigid O'Malley Auditorium (7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights).

The session will cover everything a volunteer needs to know to work on field trips at Lake Katherine. Lake Katherine volunteers come from Palos Heights and throughout the southwest suburbs.

All are welcome to attend and learn more about this great opportunity. To register or further information contact Lake Katherine at (708) 361-1873.

## Worth Park District offers classes for tots and children

The Worth Park District offers classes for Tot's and Children. Classes are open for Residents and Non-Residents. Register by September 9th for the following NEW opportunities: Itty Bitty Sports, Ice Skating, Tiny tots and children's Tae Kwon Do, Hands on Fun, Baby Disco, Little Comets, Gymnastics, Color Guard and Bowling.

Learn something new at the Worth Park District this fall. Register by September 9th to enjoy Bellydancing, Boxing, Tae Kwon Do, Aido, Aikido, Fencing, Oil Painting, Volleyball, and Senior Fitness classes. A new walking club is forming on September 1st at 8am.

The Worth Park District offers before and after school care in the Recreation After School program (R.A.S.) and Kindergarten Kamp. Transportation is provided to and from school for Worth Residents.

Tot-Lot Preschool is available for ages 3-5 at the Worth Park District. This program is open to Residents and Non-Residents looking for Kindergarten readiness classes. Classes begin September 5th. Openings are limited. Come meet our instructors and tour our facility. Let our staff answer any questions. Please call 708-448-7080.

## Junior High Mixers Start Up At Palos Heights

Students in sixth through eighth grade are invited to participate in a Junior High Mixer being held at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th St. on Friday, September 14 from 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Pre-registration before September 14 is advised. The cost is \$3.00 per student. Registration received on September 14 is \$5.00 per student. All participants must be registered by a parent/guardian in order to attend.

Recreation Department staff will supervise all activities. Music will be provided by a DJ and beverages and snacks will be available for purchase. Children will not be permitted to leave Mixer once they enter the dance unless they are picked up by their parent.

For more information regarding Junior High Mixers, call Palos Heights Parks & Recreation, (708) 361-1807.

## 3 On 3 Adult Basketball League At Palos Heights

Adults 18 years and older are invited to participate in the 3 on 3 Basketball League at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation, 6601 W. 127th St., which begins Tuesday, September 18.

Pre-registration is required by September 11. The cost per team which includes gym usage, referee fees, and prize money is \$150 for resident teams and \$170 for non-residents. Rosters are limited to five players per team. Individual registrations are not accepted.

Games will consist of two-sixteen minute halves and be scheduled between 6:00 and 10:00pm. The length of the league will be determined by the number of participating teams.

An information packet and rules will be available at the time of registration.

For more information regarding the 3 on 3 Basketball League and other activities for adults, call Palos Heights Parks & Recreation, (708) 361-1807.

## Looking for a few good dogs

It's back to school time for kids, so now may be a great time for you to go back to school with your pooch, learn some new tricks and put your skills to work to help improve the lives of others.

If you have a dog that loves people and you are a person that wants to spread some joy while spending time with your pet and terrific children and adults, becoming a certified therapy dog team may be just the answer. Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) will be holding training classes in Evergreen Park starting September 18. Classes meet every other Tuesday (9/18, 10/2, 10/16 and 10/30) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The fee for the program is \$60 and preregistration is required. To be eligible, dogs must be at least one year old and should know some basic obedience.

Dogs completing the training and passing the course will receive a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate and be eligible to continue in the process of becoming a Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Dog. This includes observing Rainbow teams at work in schools, libraries, park districts, residential or mental health facilities and hospitals. Individuals and their dogs that become members of Rainbow AAT have the opportunity to be an integral part of the healing and development process, with sessions between you and the child or adult participant incorporating activities that increase motor and verbal skills as well as build self-esteem, boost confidence and bring a smile to all involved. Most members volunteer a few hours a month.

This is the opportunity for you and your canine companion to make a difference in peoples' lives one paw shake or tail wag at a time.

For more information or to register for the Evergreen Park class, contact Dorida King, 773-736-9021, dhking1@juno.com.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy gives special people an opportunity to smile, to learn and to grow. That's why Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy was organized in 1987. Since then, the honest, gentle and unconditional love of our dogs has touched thousands of lives. There are now more than 167 Rainbow members who have volunteered more than 7,000 hours last year in more than 55 programs, reaching out to more than 263,600 participants across the six-county metropolitan Chicago area.

On the Southside, this includes programs with Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, Holy Cross Hospital, Little Company of Mary, Seaspark Park Special Education, South Suburban Special Recreation Services, Aero, SPEED and Eisenhower High School.

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Training in Evergreen Park What: Animal Assisted Therapy Training Class When: September 18, October, 2, 16 & 30, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Where: Evergreen Park, IL Fee: \$60 Register: Dorida King, 773-736-9021, dhking1@juno.com.



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They will be serving Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Salad, and Corn Niblets. MMMMMM Good, plus Live Entertainment.

For Senior Club Members the fee is \$8.00 and for Nonmembers the fee is \$11.00. Come join the fun and luncheon at

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### Alsip approved water tower refurbish

by Matt Mayer

The village board at the Aug 20 Alsip Board of Trustees meeting approved a request to waive the bidding requirements and award a contract to Thomas Industrial Coating. Due to the company honoring the lowest bid submitted two years ago for the painting and refurbishment of the west water tower. A request for Police Lt James McGreal to attend Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Staff and Command to be held in Elmhurst September 10 through January 11, 2008, for \$3,200 was also approved. The program is scheduled two weeks per month over a five-month period. A request to hire a replacement village property manager was also approved.

An ordinance amending permitted uses in a "F" farming district was approved as well as an ordinance granting the resubdivision of property at 11118 S. Leamington Avenue. An ordinance to allow Intern Development Partners, LLC through its authorized representative, RMK Enterprises of Illinois, granting a special use permit in a B-3 business district to operate a car wash at 11500 S. Pulaski Avenue was also approved.



Kevin McGee, Executive Director of Smith Villa

### Smith Village Names Kevin McGee Executive Director

Kevin McGee, 33, is taking a new role in the Smith Senior Living Management team as the executive director of Smith Village, announced Michael A. Flynn, 45, chief executive officer of Smith Senior Living.

As executive director of Smith Village, bounded by South Western Avenue and

Oakley Avenue, between 112th and 113th places, McGee will manage all day-to-day operations of the continuing care retirement community (CCRC) that will serve more than 330 residents when it is fully occupied.

McGee most recently served as executive director of Smith Crossing, a Smith Senior Living community in Orland Park that opened in November 2004.

There he successfully led the opening of the completely new retirement community for 187 seniors. Smith Crossing is now thriving. He also is part of the executive team for Smith Senior Living.

Smith Village currently is completing a \$125 million transformation by building new independent living residences and recently completing apartments for residents needing assisted living and memory support services.

Located in the heart of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, Smith Village is on the site of the not-for-profit organization's first retirement community, Washington and Jane Smith Home, that was established in 1924.

"Kevin's experience managing every aspect of establishing a vibrant community of seniors is clear at Smith Crossing," says Flynn. "We are gratified he is willing to lead the way at Smith Village, where he was associate executive director before opening Smith Crossing."

During a time of significant change, Kevin's relationship with many of the current residents at Smith Village and his experience opening an all-new CCRC are invaluable. Kevin's proven leadership abilities in building a strong staff team and his genuine caring for our residents made him the ideal candidate for this position, adds Flynn.

We appreciate his willingness to make this move.

McGee has personal and professional connections with Smith Village and its predecessor. "When I was in college, my grandmother moved to Washington and Jane Smith, and I visited her on a very regular basis," he says. "Although she was still working on a part-time basis at Beverly Area Planning Association, she decided to move into this senior living community. My grandmother told me that she wanted more than living alone in her third-floor apartment in the neighborhood."

Even as an active senior, she understood the central role being part of a vibrant community plays for older people."

McGee adds, "My grandmother is the one who taught me that the final stage in a person's life merits as much attention to making decisions for oneself as all those which come before it. Reflecting on these visits now leads me to believe that my grandmother's positive experience pointed me towards a career in gerontology."

An Illinois licensed nursing home administrator,

McGee earned a M.B.A. in healthcare administration and graduated with honors from Saint Xavier University and magna cum laude with master's degree in gerontology from Eastern Illinois University where he also holds a bachelor's degree in sociology.

This spring, McGee married Moira McQuillan, M.D., and they have established their home in Beverly. He was born and raised in Orland Park and is the son of Phil and Noreen McGee. He has two older brothers and two older sisters.

### Midlothian holds senior luncheon at Raday Lodge

All seniors are invited to the Village of Midlothian's next Senior Luncheon on Friday, September 14, 2007, at Raday Lodge, 145th and Kedzie, in Midlothian. Doors open at 10 AM and lunch is served at 11 AM. Lunch includes entree, beverage, dessert, and a chance to win the table centerpiece. Entertainment and bingo follow lunch for a fun-filled afternoon. Tickets are \$7 and can be obtained at Village Hall, 14801 Pulaski, Midlothian, and are required in advance. This month, nurses from Oak Forest Hospital will be performing free blood pressure checks from 10 AM to 11 AM for anyone interested. For further information, please call 389-0200 or 389-1080. All are welcome!

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Anya Sanders, age 9, of Beverly, displays a sign that reads, "We're selling lemonade to help the hospital: 25 cents." Also pictured is David VanHorn, vice president of strategy and business development.

### Beverly Kids Donate Lemonade sales to St. Francis Hospital

Like any serious business owners would do, Anya Sanders and David Gulley of Beverly made sacrifices to make their business thrive. The two young entrepreneurs braved this summer's heat selling lemonade in their neighborhood at 25 cents a glass to benefit various charities.

Their last day of selling lemonade for the summer earned them \$11.10. But their intent was not to keep the money. Instead, they donated their entire profits to St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island.

"We were completely surprised when they said they were giving the money to St. Francis," said David VanHorn, vice president of strategy and business development. "These kids are truly amazing. We sincerely appreciate their generosity and sympathy for sick patients in the hospital."

### Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-Sensodyne ProNamel can help reharder tooth enamel that softens due to acidic foods and beverages. By brushing twice a day with ProNamel, you can help protect your teeth from the effects of acid erosion as well as painful sensitivity.

There's no need to spend a fortune to enjoy a great glass of wine. Gallo Family Vineyards offers inexpensive Twin Valley 187 mL four-packs. To learn more about these wines, serving and pairing suggestions and locate a Twin Valley retailer, visit [www.GalloFamily.com](http://www.GalloFamily.com) New school buses from IC Corporation, the nation's largest school bus manufacturer, feature diesel engines that meet or exceed EPA regulations for

cleaner air. Details on how this new technology works are at [www.GreenDieselTechnology.com](http://www.GreenDieselTechnology.com).

Throughout MAP Brake Safety Awareness Week, Aug. 26 through Sept. 1, 2007, the nation's leading consumer auto service nonprofit organization—the Motorist Assurance Program (MAP)—wants you to stop at any MAP-participating repair shop for a free brake and related undercar inspection.

Aging bridges are developing growing cracks and can become disasters. Fortunately, a new technology can find growing cracks early enough to save lives and save millions of dollars: the Electrochemical Fatigue Sensor (EFS), developed by Material Technologies. For more information, visit [www.mtechcorp.com](http://www.mtechcorp.com).





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## NumAstrology

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For all Signs for Sept. 4: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also on-line. Just look in AstroXtras in TheDailyPsychic.Com & also visit JackiMari.Com...and TolaFriend!

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Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Cancer: Because you are so cautious this week, opportunity may pass you by. Wake up! D aids.

Born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Sagittarius: The only person in your way is you. Take a breath, make a plan, follow through.

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> of any sign & Capricorn: A stranger steps in and helps you. Money is an issue but the matter solves itself. H aids.

Born on the 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> of any sign & Gemini/Virgo: Read the above message too; do your best and let God do the rest. Health improves.

Born on the 6<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Taurus/Libra: In the book of life you see many things that you cannot touch or have. Enjoy what you have.

Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of any sign & Aquarius: You get news about a wedding, a baby, and about someone who wins money. Be happy! D aids.

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## Village of Orland Park Special Rec To Host Garage Sale

Region's Largest Indoor Garage Sale Returns November 3

The Village of Orland Park Special Recreation Program will host its annual Fall Garage Sale on Saturday, November 3 at the Orland Park Civic Center from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The Orland Park Civic Center is located at 14750

South Ravinia Avenue, one block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45.

"Ours is one of the largest indoor garage sales in the region," said Orland Park Special Recreation Program Supervisor Kris Rau. "We have people who sell the usual household garage sale items and those who sell home party products," she added.

Garage sale participants pay \$20.00 to rent an eight foot banquet table and keep all of the proceeds from their sales. Admission to the sale is free.

Tables are rented on a first come, first serve basis at Orland Park's Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the village's Sportplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street.

Table rental proceeds benefit the village's Special Recreation Program and its special needs participants. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

## Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 to Hold Fall Round Up

ORLAND PARK, IL - Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 will hold its Fall Round Up on Friday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Orland Junior High School, 14800 West Avenue. The open house is being held for boys in first through third grades, along with their parents.

Orland Park Pack 383 is part of the Nishnabec Division within the Calumet Council. It serves boys from throughout the region. Cub Scouts provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in

the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

"We invite area parents to bring their sons to the Fall Round Up so they can learn more about scouting and all that it offers," said Pack 383 Cubmaster Garry Klotz.

"Scouts is a great way to enjoy different activities with your son," Klotz said, adding, "We're also looking for parent volunteers to lead the new dens that we'll be forming."

Further information is available by calling Klotz at 708/349-6630 or Pack Committee Chairwoman Sally Kowalczyk at 708/802-9712.

## FREEDOM FROM SMOKING PROGRAM

It's time to kick the habit! Join the Freedom From Smoking Program offered by the Tinley Park-Park District and Ingalls Health System this fall and give up smoking for good!

The program will address many aspects of quitting smoking such as dealing with roadblocks, weight gain, stress management and alternatives to smoking.

The program uses a behavioral approach that teaches you how to become a nonsmoker for good.

Freedom From Smoking will be offered on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Tinley Fitness, 17500 S. Duval Drive in Tinley Park. The program begins September 19 and runs through October 24.

To register for the program contact Ingalls at 708/206-0072. The fee for the program is \$85.

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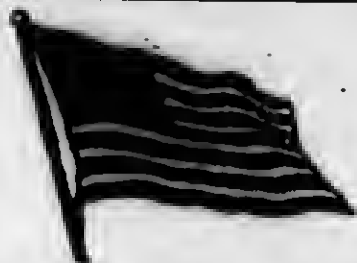
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## Bridgeview approves Fire sale

by Matt Mayer

In a unanimous resolution vote at the Sep. 5 Bridgeview Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved the last step in order to proceed with the sale of the Chicago Fire home based at Toyota Park stadium 7000 S. Harlem Avenue by Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) to Los Angeles based investment firm Andell Holdings. The approval allowed Andell Holdings to complete the sale the following day. Bridgeview is bound by the management agreement to approve the sale and transfer of the team. Officials expect the transition of ownership to go smoothly with little or no noticeable changes to Fire fans.

The financial terms of the sale have not been divulged however AEG, which still owns the Los Angeles Galaxy and Houston Dynamo of Major League Soccer in addition to a team in Sweden, received a league record \$33 million for the sale of the operating rights to D.C. United. It's speculated that the Fire sale will also be in that vicinity - the agreement also calls for Andell to assume the management of the park from AEG, which owned the franchise since 1998.

## Oak Lawn may eliminate civil service system

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved a request at the Sept. 11 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting for the village attorney to prepare an ordinance replacing the current civil service system with a comprehensive human resources code, handbook, and a volunteer appointed appellate board to hear grievances and employee disputes.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes requested that village manager Larry Deetjen outline the replacement of the current civil service system. Deetjen said he identified what he considered the number one human resources goal for this organization, "That's to regroup, appoint, nurture and field the very best public service within our economic needs to serve our residents and visitors with excellence - that's what were all about" Deetjen said.

"Now why propose a change in the civil service system. I have 28 years of experience, most recently in Deerfield Beach, FL, for 12.5 years. We had no civil service; we did have a three-member human resources board appointed by elected officials for check and balances. If I didn't do my job as a manager, employees could always go to that board. In 12.5 years, they went to the board zero times" Deetjen said. The reason why is because they were covered by collective bargaining, unions and laws in America" Deetjen said. "This occurred after the civil service system was put into effect in Oak Lawn in the 1960's. Today 99-percent of our workforce that is non management is covered by collective bargaining and unions". Deetjen said.

"The reason I am recommending this to you is not on account of the trustees. The co workers came to me police chief Villanova and Director of Communications Stacy Guercio said we have to reach out and get the very best employees that we can to match the existing good employees we have. "This doesn't include police and fire, they



## School Days are ready for registration

Smiling students [ from left to right] Heather Jackson and Kathleen Nunez are poised and ready for their first day of Preschool at St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 South Ridgeland Ave, Oak Lawn, IL.

The school is currently conducting Fall Registration activities through the end of September, 2007, to welcome new students. Prospective parents can obtain more information by calling the school office at 708-599-5781

have separate state statues that address that". Deetjen said. The request was approved 4-2, Trustees Rosenbaum and Hurckes dissented.

## Worldwide Day of Play

OAK LAWN- The Oak Lawn Park District has joined efforts with the Illinois Association of Park Districts and other agencies to help bring attention to the childhood obesity epidemic. To help further raise awareness, the Oak Lawn Park

District will be taking part in the Worldwide Day of Play on Saturday, September 29.

This free event will take place at Centennial Park, 93rd St. & Nashville Ave, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. There will be a variety of games, an obstacle course, interactive family activities and a 5k run/walk.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the entire day at the park. Let no family be left inside.

Families that play together stay together. For more information, please call 708-857-2200.

## Evergreen Park approves fund ordinance

by Matt Mayer

The village board at a recent Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting approved an ordinance levying \$3.2 million in taxes for the General Corporate Fund for fiscal year November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007.

Other highlights: A request to designate a delegate and alternative delegate to attend the 94th Annual Illinois Municipal League conference to be held on October 18-21 was approved as well as a request from St. Bernadette's Parish for a temporary liquor license and the closure of Francisco Avenue from 93rd to the Quonset hut from 3 to 11 p.m. on September 8, for "RIB Fest" in the church parking lot. A request from Central Junior High School to hold a Positive Based Intervention Support (PBIS) block party on Sawyer Avenue on September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. was also approved.

A village sponsored classic car show will be held On October 5, at Yukich Field.

The tree-planting program will conclude on Oct 3. Information may be obtained by visiting or calling the village hall at 422-1551. The police have also increased the patrolling of school zones and will be issuing citations.



## St. Patricia in Hickory Hills start the school year by hosting new student breakfast

The Junior Honor Society and Student Council started the school year off hosting a new student breakfast. Pictured are 8th grade members Samantha Musik, Sheila Daly, Dan Przybylski and Katie Labine with new students Natalie Jurcik, Stephenie Kozlowski, Taylor Figgel and our new pastor Father Marcel Pasciak.

## Teen Game Night

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street, in Oak Lawn, IL, will host a Teen Game Night, featuring Dance Revolution[ DDR], Wednesday, September 26 from 7-8p.m. for students in sixth through tenth grade.

Teens may bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all who participate in the games.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.





Judge Joan Powell

## Judge Powell to address Mount Greenwood Residence Association

Judge Joan Powell of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the

Mt. Greenwood Residence Association, Thursday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. in the

Mt. Greenwood Park Fieldhouse, 3721 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St.

Margaret Schroeder, coordinator, announced that Judge Powell is presently assigned to the Traffic Court Division at the Daley Center in Chicago and will discuss the Cook County Court System.

Judge Powell is a graduate of the University of Maryland and John Marshall Law School. She was appointed Judge by the Supreme Court of Illinois in 2006. Prior to assuming her Judgeship she served as an Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County, in the Complex Litigation Division, where she litigated civil rights cases and medical negligence cases for over six years.

## Lipinski Announces \$36,100 Federal Grant To Bridgeview Fire Department

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Today, Congressman Lipinski announced that the Bridgeview Fire Department will be awarded \$36,100 through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG). This grants program provides needed federal funds to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations in order to improve the response capabilities of our nation's first responders and the safety of our communities.

"We ask for more and more from our firefighters, and federal funding is needed to meet these increased demands," said Rep. Lipinski. "This grant of over thirty-six thousand dollars will allow the Bridgeview Fire Department to improve upon their already impressive record of service, and in doing so, improve the safety and quality of life of residents. I am proud to announce this grant award and look forward to continuing to work to improve the re-

sources and capabilities of the Third District's first responders."

## First Evangelical Lutheran church annual spaghetti supper

On Saturday, October 27, 2007, First Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting their annual spaghetti dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and carryout orders will be available. Come out and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner with your family and friends. Admission is \$6.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children ages 3 to 12 years old and children 2 years and younger are free. The event will take place in the church gym located at Grove & Ann Street in Blue Island.

You won't want to miss out on the wonderful array of tantalizing baked goods and the taffy apple sale. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and there will be a special treat for the children.

The event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Southeast Cook County Chapter.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact the church office at 708-385-4700



Sister Catherine Shalvey, L.C.M., will celebrate her 50th Jubilee in late September



Sister Joseph Casey, L.C.M., will celebrate her 60th Jubilee in October.

## Two Gentle Voices One Gigantic Impact

The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary proudly congratulate Sister M. Joseph Casey, L.C.M., on her upcoming 60th Jubilee celebration and Sister Catherine Shalvey, L.C.M., on her upcoming 50th Golden Jubilee celebration.

Sister Joseph, as her Little Company of Mary family and friends know her, is the most tenured employee in Little Company of Mary's history. Sister Joseph began her career at Little Company of Mary at age 14 as a dedicated nurse's aide. She is a longtime Beverly resident who now resides in Evergreen Park. Sister Joseph clearly remembers her first encounter with the Little Company of Mary Sisters at age 3 when she visited her rheumatic fever stricken brother in the Hospital.

"I was too young to visit the pediatric unit so the Sisters would watch me while my parents visited my brother," explained St. Joseph. "I remember how much I admired them and wanted to emulate them. I feel blessed that I am now a part of this wonderful heritage of Sisters."

Sister Joseph attended the Formation House in Indiana from 1947-1949 where she professed her vows. She then became a Little Company of Mary Nursing School alum and went on to receive a bachelors degree from Syracuse University and a masters degree from Columbia University, both in New York. St. Joseph earned scholarships to both schools.

Sister Joseph chose to be named after Saint Joseph because he was the topic of many conversations with her beloved Italian mother during her childhood years. Ironically, St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Workers and St. Joseph Casey happens to have a work ethic like no other. Sister Joseph served as the Director of Pediatrics for Little Company of Mary from 1967-1979 where she spent many days and nights caring for children and comforting their families.

After working with pediatric patients she went on to serve as the patient for Little Company of Mary Hospital and join the Patient Representative Society of Illinois. She continues her role as the patient advocate in the Emergency Department today. Sister Joseph is easily recognized throughout the Hospital and community by her infectious smile and light blue veil.

Sister Joseph realized she wanted to serve God during her First Communion ceremony. Since then, her good works

have touched countless people. Sister Joseph has strong ties to the Chicagoland community. Reverend Daniel J. Hartigan, O.S.A., Ed. D., is the celebrant at Sister Joseph's upcoming Jubilee, which takes place Sunday October 14, 2007 at Little Company of Mary Hospital Chapel in Evergreen Park, IL.

Sister Catherine Shalvey, known fondly as Sister "Kay," also is celebrating an upcoming milestone. Family and friends will surround Sister Day on Saturday, September 29, 2007 for a Eucharistic Celebration in her honor also in the Little Company of Mary Hospital Chapel.

Sister Kay was born and raised in Wheeling, West Virginia. She and her six siblings enjoyed playing together and listening to Notre Dame football games on the radio with their mother. After beginning her career as a legal secretary, she had a peak experience that led her and her friend Addie to visit Chicago and learn more about the Little Company of Mary Sisters.

"It was during this visit that I met Sister Eugene Trenner," explained Sister Kay. "She radiated a warmth like no one that I had ever met before. I knew then what I wanted to do with my life."

Sister Kay entered the L.C.M. Congregation in 1957. She attended Loyola University and transferred to St. Louis University, where she majored in finance and received her bachelors degree in business administration. She then went on to receive her masters degree in accounting from DePaul University. During this time she also was chosen to travel to Rome for three months to become one of the General Chapter's secretaries.

Sister Kay began her career at Little Company of Mary in the Business Office and soon transferred to the Finance Office to become an accountant. In 1981, she was appointed the position of Provincial Treasurer for the American Province of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, a position that she still holds today.

In Sister Kay's spare time she enjoys activities with her fellow Sisters as well as listening to classical music. When Autumn arrives, you can often find

her cheering on her favorite "Fighting Irish" football team.

The Little Company of Mary Congregation and the physicians, board of directors, administration employees and volunteers would like to congratulate both Sister Joseph and Sister Kay on their countless contributions to the well-being of our community. Their compassion and dedication are an inspiration to us all.

## Moraine Valley creates jobs, further community's economic growth

Over the last two years, Moraine Valley's Workforce Development and Community Services programs created and retained 4,449 jobs and generated more than \$93 million in contracts for the community. This year, the college has received a \$112,857 Business and Industry Services grant from the Illinois Community College Board to continue aiding economic growth.

The grant will help support the efforts of the Economic Development Council of the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) in fulfilling its mission to stimulate and support a healthy business climate by using and coordinating political, business and educational resources to benefit the 26 communities that comprise the Moraine Valley district.

The Business Development Resource Center provides comprehensive consulting services, advice and assistance for entrepreneurs and start-up companies, as well as classes for small business owners.

The EDCSS is an organization made up of the 26 southwest municipalities, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, businesses and Moraine Valley. It offers programs, workshops and seminars that benefit the community and provides a link to community resources that help businesses grow and become more self-sufficient.

For more information on any of the college's Workforce Development and Community Services programs, call Dean Mike Colky at (708) 974-5733.

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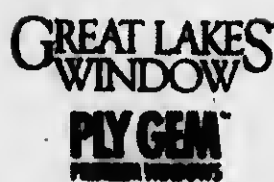
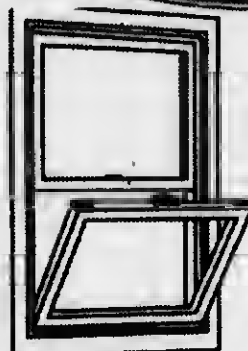
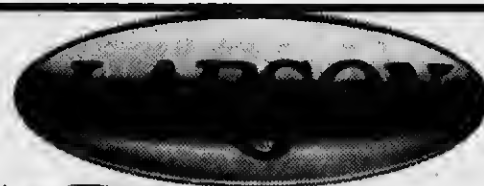
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Best Wishes, Carlene O'Connor

## Your local Dentist can help you alleviate your snoring problem

You probably never thought of going to your dentist to alleviate your snoring problem, but maybe you should. Dr. Hogg, an Oak Lawn, IL dentist has had success with a custom fitted mouthpiece to treat some of his patients with a medical condition known as Obstructive Sleep Apnea.

This condition is usually associated with one of its most common noisy symptoms, snoring! Obstructive Sleep Apnea is caused by the relaxation of the tongue and soft tissues closing off the breathing passage.

Patients can wake up as many as 50 times per hour gasping for air without even realizing it. This continuous interruption of the much-needed REM sleep (dream) can leave the person fatigued and with poor concentration during the day.

This disorder if left untreated can eventually lead to high blood pressure, heart attacks or strokes. Sleep Apnea is more common in overweight men but can also affect smaller framed men and woman with structural problems in their nose and throat.

The dental appliance is similar to a sports mouth guard. It works on the same principle as (CPR) cardiopulmonary resuscitation; the lower jaw is moved forward to allow a larger breathing passage for the patient. The use of this dental appliance to treat sleep apnea has been approved by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Dr. Hogg says that in the past, sleep apnea was treated with either surgery or CPAP (constant positive airway pressure) machines. The CPAP machines al-

though 100% effective are uncomfortable to wear and some studies have shown only 25-45% of the patients are actually successful with wearing the CPAP. As a result, doctors say many CPAP machines end up in the closet. One of Dr. Hogg's patients that has tried the CPAP said, "I did proceed with two different CPAP devices with absolutely no success. I simply could not tolerate the mask or oxygen tube up my nose."

He continued with his evaluation of the Dental Appliance Mouth Piece, "Several months ago I contacted Dr. Hogg and was fitted for the Tap 3 device. To insure a good fit, several visits were required.

I can report that I have been very pleased and I have been using this appliance every night for the past two months. My wife reports that my very loud snoring has been eliminated and I no longer have this terrible thirst throughout the night. In addition, my nose is no longer clogged and I can breathe easy. I do wake up during the course of the night but quickly return to sleep.

Also, I can tolerate the appliance in my mouth very well with no difficulty. I am able to install and remove the appliance instantly."

Dr. Hogg, former instructor at the University of Illinois Dental School, will be speaking on Obstructive Sleep Apnea Disorder and demonstrating the dental appliance used to treat mild to moderate cases of this disorder on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. It will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 1000 S. Central Ave. in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information visit [www.drjameshogg.com](http://www.drjameshogg.com) or call 708-422-1900 for a free consultation.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO EXPERIENCE MARIST HIGH SCHOOL

With the new academic year successfully underway, Marist High School invites eighth grade students to experience an interactive program this fall.

The Fridays at Marist program will run from Friday, September 21 until Friday, December 7, 2007. Current eighth grade students

are invited to spend an interactive Friday at Marist High School. The day allows students to attend freshman or sophomore classes and meet with teachers, as well as experience Marist for themselves. They will also tour Marist's campus; the day is truly designed for the students. Lunch will be provided.

Reservations are needed for Fridays at Marist. For additional information or to schedule a Friday at Marist, contact Alex Brown, Director of Admissions, at 773-881-5330.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

## Bringing Drug Coverage to America's Seniors

By Grace-Marie Turner

When it comes to prescription drug coverage for seniors, there's yet more good news to report. Just last month, the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research reported that Medicare Part D — the federal government's prescription drug benefit — has helped increase prescription drug coverage among Americans aged 65 and older from 75% in 2004 to more than 90% in 2006.

Part D provides federal subsidies to allow private plan managers to compete for the best bargains from drug manufacturers. This creates incentives for providers to offer a variety of plan options. Seniors can shop around for the plans that best fit their needs. And no law limits the number of drugs each plan can offer.

Thanks to this structure, the drug benefit offers more and better choices of both drugs and prices than anyone imagined. Some plans, for example, cost as little as \$10 a month. Others have eliminated deductibles before coverage kicks in. And some provide partial or full coverage in the infamous "donut hole" so that seniors don't experience a gap in coverage between moderate and high drug expenses. The average plan now costs less than \$24 a month significantly lower than the \$37 average that Congress anticipated when the program was introduced.

Part D is the first significant federal program to rein in runaway medical spending. It did this by restoring savings incentives and personal responsibility to Medicare. Also, by leveraging

the power of private-sector competition, Part D provides more prescription drug choices than the much-vaunted Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) plan. The VA plan is often compared to Part D because they're both federally

funded drug programs one is for military veterans; the other is for seniors. But the real difference is that under the VA plan, which is a more traditional government program, there's only one type of coverage narrowly defined insurance package with no choice whatsoever.

The VA controls costs by limiting the number of drugs available to seniors — so the formulary includes just 19 percent of medicines approved by the Food and Drug Administration since 2000.

By contrast, Part D allows members to choose from a broad array of private health plans. Seniors have access to virtually all FDA-approved medicines. And prices stay low because the private insurance providers compete fiercely.

More importantly, 20 percent of polled enrollees say the new benefit has enabled them to stop skipping or reducing the medications their doctors have prescribed. The results from the University of Michigan validate what seniors have been saying for two years that Part D works. Grace-Marie Turner is president of the Galen Institute, a nonprofit research organization focusing on free-market solutions to health reform.

She can be reached at P.O. Box 19080, Alexandria, VA, or at [turner@galen.org](mailto:turner@galen.org).

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## McDonald-Linn needs yarn

The ladies auxiliaries are asking everyone for more yarn to make lap robes for the V.F.W. Vets. We are in dire need for more yarn, we can use any color, all is ap-

preciated. But 4ply is preferred.

We also want to Thank all who have donated yarn in the past.

You can drop off the yarn at McDonald-Linn VFW Post 177 at 10537 South Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge, IL or call Kathy for any questions 708-636-3220.

## Getting Your Book Published

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W.95th Street, will host "Getting Your Book Published", an all-day workshop for aspiring writers, Saturday, October 27

from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. Advance in-person registration begins Saturday, September 22 at the library's Reception Booth. \$10 fee required. Limited to 36 participants.

Joe Durepos, an acquisitions editor for a Chicago-based publisher, and Bret Nicholas, author of twenty books, will explain what goes into getting a book in

print. From self-publishing and small presses to the large trade houses in New York, these speakers have worked with them all and have wonderful, and sometimes not so wonderful, experiences to share. Breakfast treats will be provided. Attendees should bring a bag lunch or plan to out for lunch.

View a complete schedule of adult programs at the library's website [www.oaklawlibrary.org]. For additional information call 708-422-4990.

## Great Books Discussion Group

The Ernest B. Jaski Great Books Group meets at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street, on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30p.m. to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. Meetings are held September through May in the Mary Nelson Room, lower

level. During their 2007-2008 season, the group will examine writings by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Ernest Hemingway, Virginia Woolf, Thornton Wilder, Sigmund Freud and William Faulkner.

For additional information or a reading list, contact Marcia McGerty, 708-974-1673 or Jim Clauter, 708-423-3994

## Westin Lombard Yorktown Center now open

Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, which opened August 22, 2007, is offering a number of terrific weekend packages for families and individuals alike.

If you want to go on a safari but don't want to travel far, look no further than the Westin's Discover Brookfield Zoo package starting at \$169. The package includes two adult tickets and two children's tickets to one of the country's greatest zoos.

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4 PM	STOCK YARD KILTY BAND PERFORMS - GROUNDS
5 PM	FIDDLE CHAMP TO PERFORM - PUB TENT
5:30 PM	MULLANE IRISH DANCERS TO PERFORM - A & E TENT
6 PM	THREE MEN IN KILTS TO PERFORM (until 9 PM) - PUB





Picture here, Second Grade student Megan Jacobsen is eager and ready for the new school year.

## St. Louis de Montfort School holds Fall Registration Month

St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 South Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, IL. is holding Fall Registration Month to welcome new students from Preschool through Grade 8.

"Our doors are always open and, for two consecutive years, we are seeing a 13% enrollment gain" says Principal Holly Gross.

Gross attributes the enrollment gain to all that the school offers, including standardized test scores that show students performing far above the national average. New textbooks exist in all core subject areas. Classes are taught by degree teachers, who are assisted by experienced instructional aides. A new Language Lab, Library, Computer Lab and Science Lab offer hands-on learning opportunities for students. A daily hot lunch program offers two daily menu choices. Reasonable before and after care services are available in the Kids' Club Extended Day Program. Students participate in the annual Christmas Concert, Spring Musical, Talent Show, Awards Assemblies, liturgies, field trips, and holiday celebrations. Music is taught by a professional recording artist. Computers are taught in a newly renovated lab by a college level instructor. Weekly instruction is provided in Spanish, Art and Physical Education.

Ongoing registration is now taking place for Preschool through Grade 8. More information may be obtained by calling Kim Swiatek, School Secretary, in the school office at 708-599-5781.

## Life on the Lewis and Clark Trail

Bike traveler John Lynn will present a slide show and lecture exploring "Life on the Lewis and Clark Trail" at 7p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, at 5300 West 95th Street, in Oak Lawn, IL.

Free admission, in the Lower Level Meeting room. Follow a 400 mile bike journey tracing the epic crossing of the continental divide by Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery.

View beautiful scenery along the scenic Lolo Trail of the Bitterroot Mountains in Montana and Idaho.

View a complete schedule of adult programs at the library's website, [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org), for additional information call 708-422-4990.

## Library Announces Opera Lecture Series

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street, will host eight free opera lectures in conjunction with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2007-2008 season.

At these informative sessions, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the opera's plot, give back-

## Enjoy Fall Free Days at the Museum of Science and Industry

Summer nights will be ending, but the Museum of Science and Industry is inviting you to a special Free Visit this fall.

The Museum will offer free general admission on Mondays and Tuesdays from Sept. 10 to Nov. 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as Thanksgiving Day Nov. 22, 2007.

Be one of the first to get an up-close view of our planet in Earth Revealed, a new permanent exhibit opening Sept 14. Explores a six-foot, solid carbon fiber sphere as it transforms into an animated, revolving globe that demonstrates the Earth as a living system.

Opening Oct 5, Star Wars:

Where Science Meets Imagination will explore the

fantasy technologies depicted in the Star Wars films, the real science behind them and the current research that may someday lead to remarkable real-life versions of the technologies.

Guests will view more 80 props, models and costumes from the movies and have the chance to see extensive video interviews with filmmakers, scientists and engineers.

You will also love revisiting old favorites like the U-505 Submarine and the Coal Mine or seeing Omnimax films Mummies; Secrets at the Pharaohs or Sea Monsters; A Prehistoric Adventure [opening Oct 5, 2007].

Museum of Science and Industry is at 57th and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL.

Free admission only applies to Museum general admission [only]. Advance online tickets purchase for special exhibitions is recommended. Please visit [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

Call Lisa Miner at 773-947-6005 or Beth Boston at 773-947-6003.

## Fall Arts & Crafts Show at O.L.C.H.S.

The Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Fair is sponsored by the Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA will be held on Saturday October 20, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. at the High School at 9400 Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn, IL. Admission is Free.

Local exhibitors will display many handmade and unique items. Also a Vendors showcase will be feature items, from Pampered Chef, Party Lite Candles, etc...

The Crafty Diner will be serving delicious hot wings, soup, beef and sloppy joe sandwiches. Proceeds benefit the OLCHS PTSA Scholarship Fund.

Local crafters and vendors are encouraged to call for available booths. For information call the PTSA at 708-424-5200 ext. 5767 or visit [www.olchs.org](http://www.olchs.org) click on "What's New for an application".

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ground on the composer and play a sampling of musical selections. Upcoming discussions include:

\* La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi on September 23 at 1:30 p.m.

\* La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini on September 30 at 1:30 p.m.

\* Julius Caesar by George Fraderic Handel on October 28 at 1:30 p.m.

The entire series is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

View a complete schedule of adult programs at the library's website [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org), for additional information, call 708-422-4990.

## Senior Citizens' Council- Evergreen Park 2007 year

On Thursday, September 20 at 11:30am, State Senator Ed Maloney and state Representative James Brosnahan our elected officials will provide a program including questions and answers regarding Springfield and the impact on our district.

On Thursday, October 18 at 11:30am Evergreen Park Library Director, Nicki Seidel will report on the recent library expansion and outline programs offered. It is nice to have 8 Internet computers now available.

On Thursday, November 15 at 11:30am Mayor James Sexton will deliver his annual 'State of the Village' after installing 2008 Council officers.

All Council meetings begin at 11:30am with lunch provided to those in attendance.

## Noble Fool Theatricals offer classes for local youth

The NFT Performing Arts Academy announces classes for youth and newly added family shows for the fall. Classes include technique workshops in auditioning, singing, and improv, performance workshops and the fall youth ensemble production of "Footloose."

The Youth Ensemble Production of "Footloose" is for 11-18 year olds. Rehearsals are October 22-December 22, 2007. Performances are slated for Saturday's December 8, 15 and 22 of 2007. Open auditions are Saturday, September 22 from 10:00am to 3pm at the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage.

Participants are responsible for memorizing lines, music and choreography, and learn the craft of theater through the process of preparing for five performances. Youth Ensemble performances are produced, directed and performed in the same manner as our professional theatre productions. Ken Jones is the director. All aspiring actors should visit [www.noblefool.org](http://www.noblefool.org) for more information or call 630-443-0438.

The following technique workshops are scheduled: Audition-Saturday-10am-12pm September 15-October 20: Singing-Thursdays 6-8pm September 20-October 25: Improv-Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm September 19-October 24. The technique workshops are for 8-18 year old youth.

Family programming announced is as follows: 'James and the giant Peach' for ages 3 and up October 6-20 on Saturday at 10:30am. 'Where the Sidewalk Ends' is for 5 and up and runs only Saturday, October 27 at 10:30am. 'Footloose' runs December 8-22 for ages 3 and up on Saturday at 10:30am.

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## PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

Imagine... "Whirled Peace" September 21, 2007 In today's world, peace needs to become more than just a word. On September 21, 2007, Reavis High School's Art Department plan to take part in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace by "planting" pinwheels with messages of peace in front of the school at 6034 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street Burbank, IL.

Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project started in 2005 by two Art teachers, Ann Ayers and Ellen McMillan, of Coconut Creek, Florida, as a way for students to express their feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives. In 2005, groups in over 1,325 locations throughout the world were spinning pinwheels on September 21st - there were approximately 500,000 pinwheels spinning throughout the world.

Last year, 2006, over 1 million pinwheels were spinning in over 2,350 locations, including the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, the Middle East, Africa and South America. Locally, Joseph Simone, Division Chairperson: Humanities will be coordinating the Pinwheels for Peace project this year. This project is nonpolitical - peace doesn't necessarily have to be associated with the conflict of war, it can be related to violence/intolerance in our daily lives, to peace of mind. To each of us, peace can take on a different

meaning, but, in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: "a state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."

Reavis students will create pinwheels, pinwheels of all shapes and sizes - as part of the creation process, they will write their thoughts about "war and peace / tolerance/ living in harmony with others" on one side. On the other side, they will draw, paint, collage, etc. to visually express their feelings.

The students will assemble these pinwheels and on International Day of Peace they will "plant" their pinwheels at the school as a public statement and art exhibit/installation.

On September 21, 2007, keep a lookout for the pinwheels - the spinning of the pinwheels in the wind will spread thoughts and feelings about peace throughout the country and the world!

For more information, go to [www.pinwheelsforpeace.com](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com) or contact Ruth Miguez at 708-599-7200x234.

## Chasing the Rain Chronicles One Man's Hunt for the World's Most Beautiful Mushrooms

Mendocino, California, August 2007 - Mushrooms are popping up all over, literally. In the ground, in the saucepan, and in medicine and cosmetics. The mystery around and fear of mushrooms that once existed in our culture is giving way to new understanding.

This is no surprise to Taylor Lockwood, photographer, esthetic mycologist, world traveler and educator. His mission for over twenty years has been, "to melt the frost of fungiphobia in America." He set out to find and photograph the world's most beautiful mushrooms, and to share with others the images that resulted from this global treasure hunt.

"In 1993, after finishing a presentation to a group on the east coast, I had an epiphany. I realized that through my photography, I was in a special position to help raise awareness of and appreciation for mushrooms and other fungi. . . I really believed mushrooms

needed me," writes Taylor Lockwood in his forthcoming book, *Chasing the Rain: My Treasure Hunt for the World's Most Beautiful Mushrooms*.

Being an ambassador for mushrooms has taken Lockwood to some exotic locations. The fruit of this travel, his catalog of images, books, and videos, demonstrates not only the depth of his talent, but his passion for his work.

An unexpected benefit has also resulted. Developing friendships with colleagues and fellow mushroom enthusiasts around the globe has afforded Lockwood a unique perspective on people, travel, and nature—from the ground up. With fungi as the common denominator, barriers

of language, culture, and politics fade.

In *Chasing the Rain*, Lockwood shares some of the stories behind his photographs and the people who have helped him along the way. The book chronicles his unique career which has enabled him to foster goodwill with people in various countries and cultures.

Lockwood is commencing on a nationwide slide show and book tour with the release of *Chasing the Rain* in September. It retails for \$29.95 and can be purchased [www.KingdomofFungi.com](http://www.KingdomofFungi.com) or by calling 800-958-5809. Lockwood is available for interviews at 707-937-2004 or [Taylor@TaylorLockwood.com](mailto:Taylor@TaylorLockwood.com), and more information on his work can be found at [www.TaylorLockwood.com](http://www.TaylorLockwood.com).

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### WEDDING BELLS AND BRIDAL SHOPS

As a past mother of the bride I felt certain that shopping for the mother's dress would be a simpler process the second time around.

The first time around I talked my husband into going dress shopping with me. Big mistake!

We ended up at a boutique that boasted the best selection of gowns for mothers of the bride.

One gown, in particular, Bill liked because, as he said, "This one hides your belly the best!" Followed by, "You don't have to go on a diet if you wear this one."

Have I ever mentioned that my husband tells it like it is. Being subtle is not found in his vocabulary.

While his perception may have been true, the dress only came in a bright aqua color and it was strapless. The stylish sales lady adjusted the fancy, sheer scarf until it draped perfectly off my shoulder. It was a stunning look but the only way I'd be able to recreate it would be to bring the sales lady home with me. Besides, this dress made me look as if I was going to the prom instead of my daughter's wedding.

Three hours and twenty styles later I finally narrowed it down to five I really liked. Since I had eight months to make up my mind I asked the kindly clerk to keep the style numbers on file for future reference.

When I returned to the boutique a few months later the owner informed me that they only hold that information for two weeks. They had no idea what I had chosen. Just when I thought I'd be spending the evening flipping through stacks of catalogs, I noticed a gorgeous dress on display. I tried it on and it was perfect, all but for one tiny thing - it didn't come in the sage green color I had my heart set on but I settled for lavender instead.

When our youngest daughter got engaged exactly one week after her sister's nuptials my wedding planning status was still in high gear.

Once again lists were made, reservations made and I was happily doing what I love most—helping to plan a celebration.

On her very first visit to a bridal shop, my fashionista daughter chose a breathtakingly beautiful gown that looked as if it was custom designed for her.

For me, this time around my fingers did the browsing online. After much searching I finally found what I was looking for - made all the more appealing because it was available in my favorite color.

A visit to the bridal shop to order and be measured for this nifty little number would prove to be a lesson in humility.

Before the seamstress even had the measuring tape around my ample middle I needed an answer to an important question. "What if I lost a considerable amount of weight, would she be able to alter the dress to my smaller size?"

She answered with a response that seemed to imply that this wasn't the first time she's been asked that question. "Oh sure, if need be, we can take the dress in." What she seemed to be thinking by the slight smirk on her lips was - *I don't think you have to worry about it!*

The count down to the big day is fast approaching. As of this writing we have 72 days left.

There is still so much that has to be done. As of yet it doesn't look like the seamstress will be making any monumental changes with the dress. I've been struggling with making time to walk on the treadmill, but as the days fly by I realize I may just run out of time.

In the end I know it really doesn't matter whether I'm up or down in size because I'll be floating on a cloud of pure bliss when wedding bells ring for my baby girl.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Intelligence without ambition is like a bird without wings. (C. Archie Danielson.)

## Nova Scotia sails into Celtic Fest Chicago

A team of cultural and musical ambassadors from Canada's Celtic capital arrived at this year's Celtic Fest Chicago.

Nova Scotia Tourism representatives, as well as musicians J.P. Cormier, The Cottars and Troy MacGillivray were at the festival's O'Canada Gathering Tent which was held in the evening of September 15th and 16th, 2007. The event offered Chicagoans the opportunity to learn more about Canada's East Coast province and delight them in its music. It was a great time for all who attended.

"Nova Scotia and Chicago share a long and proud Celtic history," said Lloyd Banfield, executive director of Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture and Heritage. "Not only is the name of our province Latin for New Scotland, our province is also home to the descendants of tens of thousands of Scottish and Irish immigrants who arrived in Nova Scotia in the 18th and 19th centuries."

Today, this heritage is reflected in major events like Celtic Breton Island with over 250 musicians, dancers, singers and storytellers entertaining the audience.

J.P. Cormier began his musical career by teaching himself to play guitar at the age of five, then later he became immersed in the rich musical heritage of his Cape Breton roots. Since then, his playing and songwriting has received multiple award nominations and wins, including Instrumental Album of the Year at the 1st. Annual Canadian Folk Awards, the 2006 ECMA Folk Recording of the Year for "The Long River: A Personal Tribute to Gordon Lightfoot", and a placing in the prestigious International Songwriting Competition.

Cape Breton's latest musical success story comes in the form of The Cottars, siblings Ciaran and Fiona MacGillivray who have entertained Senator Ted Kennedy, Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky and audiences at Carnegie Hall.

Musician Troy MacGillivray perform both evenings. MacGillivray's dedication to his family's Celtic heritage is evident in

his critically acclaimed fiddling and piano playing, as well as his impressive step dancing skills.

Joining the Nova Scotian musicians was Samantha Robichaud, from the neighboring province of New Brunswick, whose fresh sound is an artful blend of traditional Celtic, Acadian and original instrumentals.

In addition to the great music, staff from Nova Scotia Tourism was there on both days to share information on the province's many experiences, and provide free travel literature for those wanting to learn more, and they also answered questions about Canada's seacoast province. Halifax International Airport Authority also had staff on site to discuss their nonstop air service between Chicago and Halifax.

"Nova Scotia and Chicago might be separated by over a thousand miles but their shared Celtic history makes them close," said Consul General, Georges Rioux of the Canadian Consulate of Chicago, who helped make the visit possible. "It's a connection we're proud to support and

strengthen throughout the year and during events like the Chicago Celtic Fest."

Nova Scotia is just a few hours away by air, thanks to United Airline's daily, non-stop flights from Chicago to Halifax. The new route gives Chicagoans the opportunity to experience some of Nova Scotia's many Celtic celebrations and icons.

The province is also just a

click away through its official tourism website [novascotia.com](http://novascotia.com). The website is among the first in North America to provide a Google Earth overlay that allows visitors to virtually visit Nova Scotia and its many destinations and experiences. Combined with colorful video and eye-catching photos, [novascotia.com](http://novascotia.com) is the best and easiest way to plan and book a trip to Nova Scotia.

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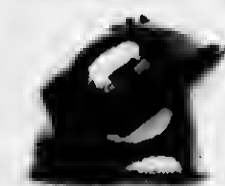
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## St. Laurence welcomes new faculty Members

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## The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross holds fashion show

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Justice will present their Fashion Show, "A Dream Comes True", to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the Drury Lane-Oakbrook. Fashions will be shown by the house of "Lili of Trieste". Childrens' fashions by "Duck, Duck, Goose". The tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the door.

Raffle prizes will be featured. Fellowship will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the Luncheon and showing to follow. Proceeds will benefit the new St Iakovos Retreat Center.

If there are any questions, you may call the Holy Cross Church office at 708-594-2040.

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Keegan Wetzel of Palos Heights

## Wetzel attends HOBY Conference in Washington DC

St. Laurence High School, Burbank, IL, announces that junior Keegan Wetzel [Palos Heights] attended the international congress of the HOBY [Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership] program, held at George Washington

University in our nation's capitol this past July.

As the premier youth leadership development program in this country, HOBY provides lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential. During the conference, participants attended panel discussions on the government and leadership positions: learning about the function of lobbying and how important good clear, and persuasive communication is for a successful career.

"This conference has changed my character. I learned that all young people truly can make a difference in the world. It was an awesome experience." Keegan, who is a graduate of St. Alexander Grade School in Palos Heights, is an honor roll student, in the fall, is a member of the Viking varsity football team as a defensive back and running back.

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## Jeff Competition announced by Chicago equity theaters

by Marijo Doody

The Jeff Committee has spoken and selected the various categories in the competition. Six shows are in the running for the best dramatic production of this season. They are as follows: Steppenwolf Theatre's (ST) production of Tracy Lett's 'August Osaga County', now Broadway bound; 'Another Part of the Forest' of Writers Theatre (WT), 'Argonautika; The Voyage of Jason and the Argonauts' of Lookingglass Theatre Company; 'The Best Man' of Remy Bumppo Theatre Company (RBT); 'Come Back Little Sheba' of Shattered Globe Theatre (SGT) and 'Joe Turner's Come and Gone' by Congo Square Theatre Company. ST and RBT's productions were great.

In the musical production category are the following selections: Porchlight Musical Theatre's (PMT) 'Assassins' and 'Ragtime'; Marriott Theatre's (MT) 'Into the Woods' and 'Shenandoah' and American Theatre Company's (ATC) 'Oklahoma'. In the revue category were 'The All Night Strut', MT; 'Fire on the Mountain', Northlight Theatre and 'Forever Plaid' at Drury Lane Oakbrook (DLO). I loved 'Fire on the Mountain'.

In the principal actor category nominated were: Len Carlson 'Hamlet' Chicago Shakespeare Theatre; Anthony Fleming II 'Denmark' Victory Gardens Theatre; David Girolmo 'Talley Folly' Oak Park Festival Theatre; John Judd 'Come Back Little Sheba' (SGT); Kevin Mc Kililip 'Richard III' First Folio Shakespeare Festival; Larry Newmann Jr. 'The Puppetmaster of Lodz' WT; and Nick Sandys 'The Real Thing' RBT. Sandys was a treat.

Principal actor in a musical nominated were Jason Brooks 'Ragtime' (PMT), Matthew Brumlow 'Oklahoma' (ATC); Joseph Anthony Foronda 'King and I' (DLO), Joel Hatch 'The Adding Machine' and David Hess 'Shenandoah' MT. I enjoyed all of 'Ragtime'.

Principal actress nominated included the following: Deanne Dunigan and Amy Morton 'August Osaga County' (ST), Michele Graff 'Landscape of the Body' (The Artistic Home); Dana Gurira 'In the Continuum' (Primary Stages/Perry Street Theatre/Goodman Theatre). Also Linda Reiter 'Come Back Little Sheba' (SGT); Claire Elizabeth Saxe 'Diary of Anne Frank' (ST); Tiffany Scott 'Beast of the Moon' (Provision Theatre Company) and Mary Ann Thebus 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane' (Gift Theatre). I enjoyed the performances of Thebus, Dunigan, Morton and Saxe. The latter was in high school.

For actress in the musical venues the following were nominated: Charissa Arron 'Ragtime' (PMT); Mary Ernster 'King and I' (DLO), Ernestine Jackson 'Rising' (Court Theatre); Susan Moniz 'Into the Woods' (MT) and Vikki Omega Stokes 'The Story of Billie Holiday' (Black Ensemble Theatre).

2007 was a grand Chicago theater year. If this writer had to cast a vote, it would be hard. I remember fondly when a college friend's daughter was a past nominee in the choreographic venue. "Long live alive theater." On a sad note we remember Tony De Santis and Diane Van Lente, Drury Lane Theaters, who are now in the sky theatre

## Strawdog Theatre Company announces 20<sup>th</sup> season

For the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season, Strawdog Theatre Company features Brian Friel's Irish drama 'Aristocrats' Steppenwolf ensemble member Rick Snyder will direct that. Set in 1970 Ireland the story is of the esteemed O'Donnell family on the eve of the wedding of the youngest daughter. The reunion offers some Irish political elite of County Donegal along with the once-noble family homestead collapsing in ruin.

The production runs October 14-November 17, 2007. It runs Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 7pm. Tickets are \$20. Call 773-528-9696.

Other productions in the season are 'Richard III' helmed by Artistic Director Nic Dimond and the World Premiere of Brett Neveu's 'Our Town' about Chicago politics. Strawdog Theatre is located 3829 N Broadway in Chicago.



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The Library is pleased to be partnering with Steppenwolf Theatre on a series of public programs taking place at a number of CPL locations through out the city in September and October.

For information on special events and book discussions and the production beginning at Steppenwolf on September 13 call the theater.

## Sondheim's musical Passion comes to CST

Returning to CST after directing 'The Color Purple' on Broadway Associate Artistic Director Gary Griffin stages the Tony-Award-winning musical 'Passion', music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by James Lapine.

The stellar cast includes in the love triangle Ana Gasteyer, Adam Brazier and Kathy Voytko. Associate Artistic Director Gary Griffin has gained nationwide recognition for staging at CST and was honored with five Joseph Jefferson Awards for Chicago productions and three prestigious Laurence Olivier Awards for London Runs with Donmar Warehouse.

The production runs October 2 through Nov 11, 2007, Tuesday-Sunday in the Upstairs Theatre. Tickets are \$44-\$64. Call the Box Office at 312-595-5800 or visit the web at [www.chicagoskakes.com](http://www.chicagoskakes.com). The Theatre is located on Navy Pier and is accessible to public transportation. Discount parking is available for CST patrons.

## Broadway in Chicago sets new season

Broadway in Chicago is proud to announce the 2008 Walgreens Broadway in Chicago season series featuring the US premiere of Dirty Dancing-The Classic Story on Stage, and the Chicago premieres of My Fair Lady, Avenue Q, The Drowsy Chaperone and Sweeney Todd. The latter

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## Greasy Joan & Co announce season

Greasy Joan & Company announce the appointment

of Ailene Cantelmi as Managing Director. Previously she was Business Manager. She works for a regulatory agency for physician education and has extensive experience as an actor. She will bring her business and management experience to the theatrical arena.

Greasy Joan & Co is dedicated to producing classic plays with a contemporary edge. The 2007-08 season includes 'Wake up, Apocalypse (Awake)' part of the Rhinoceros Theatre Festival September 9-October 14 at the Athenaeum Theater (2936 N Southport).

'The Misanthrope' by Moliere March 7-April 5, 2008 at the Athenaeum Theater. 'Macbeth' April 17-May 25, 2008 at the Athenaeum Theater. Group discounts are available for 'The Misanthrope' and 'Macbeth'.

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There is a Reading series: Premiere Adaptations of Classics later to be announced.

For more information visit the web at [www.greasyjoan.org](http://www.greasyjoan.org).

## Magical clown show comes to House Theatre

The House Theatre of Chicago opens its 5<sup>th</sup> season with 'The Magnificent' an original show by magician Dennis Watkins. Molly Brennan directs and brings her expertise in clowning and unique theater voice to the production. Kevin O'Donnell provides the score.

Watkins indicates "the play is certainly about a nontraditional family that grows and changes throughout the course of the play and is an honest response to the family I grew up with in my life."

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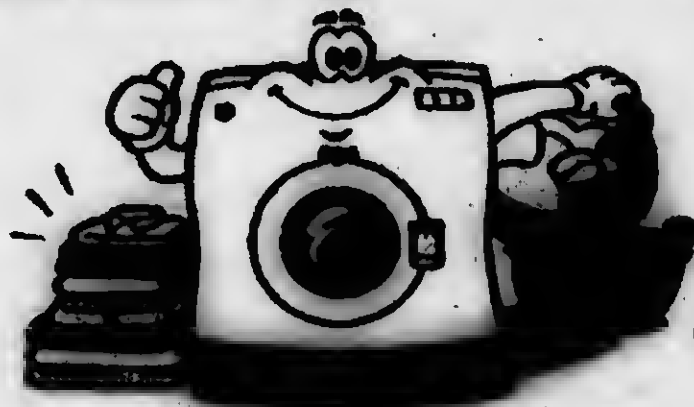
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## Oak Forest approves TIF ordinances

by Matt Mayer

The city council at the September 11 Oak Forest City Council meeting approved the following ordinance for the tax increment financing (TIF) district: An amendment No. 2 to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment plan and redevelopment project; An ordinance confirming the tax increment allocation financing, and an ordinance confirming the tax increment allocation financing. A TIF district uses revenues to finance improvements within the district, and is also exempt from local taxing bodies such as schools and libraries. The taxes are frozen at the current rate prior to redevelopment. A TIF also offers incentives to developers - the maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

Other highlights: An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Arbor Park School District 145, Bremen Community High School District 228 and the city was approved. The IGA between the parties establishes the city's commitment to declare an annual surplus for specific parcels within the TIF district. An ordinance allowing the increase of a D liquor license by one for Khodabhai Patel for Swagat Foods at 5240 W. 159th Street was also approved.

## Orland approves new subdivision

by Matt Mayer

At a previous Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved the annexation as well as a site plan for a new subdivision at the southwester corner of 104th and 179th Street and 104th Avenue. The new subdivision is slated to be named Three Bridges and is slated to include 184 single-family units, 62 residential duplexes and 160 condominiums. The plan includes 10 acres of property to be divided into three parks as well as 50 acres of open space property.

A large portion of property in the southwest corner will be wetland and flood plan areas as well as baseball/softball and soccer fields. Sidewalks and pathways are planned to connect open spaces for the natural and active areas. Village officials believe that this subdivision reflects the high level of development Orland Park residents have come to enjoy.

The development will be built on the last remaining Orland Park farmland, which includes a farmhouse, and barn, which was built before 1854, predating the civil war. The existing house and barn will not be preserved with this development.

Board approval of the project must meet several conditions such as the petitioner returning for a more detailed review of the development. A landscape plan must be submitted for approval as well as meeting all final engineering requirements and the approval of building elevations as well as a condominium site plan. With the downward turn in the housing market and an over supply of newly constructed residences, it shall be interesting to see how this one plays out.



The Thomalla Family

## Not Every grandfather can attend Grandparents Day

ORLAND HILLS)—Not every grandfather can say that he has four grandchildren at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, but Bob Thomalla of Frankfort, Illinois owns such bragging rights. He is the proud grandpa of Morgan (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Madeline (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Mason (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), and Makayla (1<sup>st</sup> grade). Grandpa Thomalla was one of hundreds of honored guests at the CJB Grandparents' Day Celebration on Tuesday, September 11. Grandparents and other "grandpersons" from all over Chicagoland attended this annual event to visit their grandchildren's classrooms and meet their teachers.

Ken and Lisa Thomalla, parents of the Thomalla brood, are parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park. Lisa's parents, Jean Rooney and Dale Rosander, and her great aunt Eleanor Harness, traveled two and a half hours on Tuesday morning from Grovertown, Indiana to attend the Grandparents' Day festivities. Would every grandparent take on the Borman Expressway during morning rush hour just to spend two hours with their grandchildren? Jean Rooney didn't think twice. "They bring laughter and joy to my heart. I am proud of every move they make," she said. Likewise, when great aunt Eleanor was asked why she made the long trip, she stated, "We just love them all so much, of course."

Grandpas Dale Rosander and Bob Thomalla derive much joy from watching their grandchildren participate in sports and seeing them do well in school. Knowing that the children are growing in their Catholic faith is very important to them as well. Bob Thomalla, however, was the consummate grandfather when he said with utmost sincerity that he loves to watch his grandkids "behaving all the time." Daughter-in-law Lisa just rolled her eyes and smiled.

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## Big Read Mystery Shoppe Theatre

Tinley Park, Ill.—The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Mystery Shoppe Theatre presenting A Murder in Three Acts on Saturday, September 29 at 6:00pm.

Tickets for Tinley Park card holders will be available at the front desk beginning Monday, September 17. As of Monday, September 24 any remaining tickets will be offered to the general public. Pizza will be included. This event is part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, in a partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

For details, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

## Library Closed

Tinley Park, Ill.—The Tinley Park Public Library will close on Thursday, September 27 for

In-Service day. The library will reopen on Tuesday, September 28. For additional information, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3).

The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive. [www.tplibrary.org](http://www.tplibrary.org).

## Pumpkin picking in Palos Park

The Children's Farm will be open for picking pumpkins and touring the animal barns from 10 am to 4 pm, every Saturday and Sunday in October plus Columbus Day. The pumpkin patch will also be open on October weekday afternoons from 3

pm to 5 pm.

The Children's Farm is located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park. Visitors are given complimentary hayrides to the pumpkin patch. Upon return from the patch, pumpkins are weighed and sold at an old fashioned farm stand which is also stocked with colorful gourds, straw bales, decorative ears of corn, and bundles of cornstalks.

Hotdogs are grilled and sold along with soda pop at the refreshment stand. On the weekends. Also on weekends, visitors may also choose to tour the barns to see and touch the ponies, donkey, sheep, chickens, pigs, horses, cows, goats, ducks, and rabbits.

Admission to the animal barns is \$4.25 per person.

## At Random Student Drug Testing seminar in Detroit

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) invites middle and high school administrators, coaches, teachers, counselors, nurses, and others to attend a regional Random Student Drug Testing Summit on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at the Doubletree Hotel Dearborn, located at 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, Michigan.

The Detroit Random Student Drug Testing Summit will address relevant legal and program development issues and serve as an introduction for schools that would like to learn more about drug prevention and random student drug testing. Summit participants will be also provided with information on Department of Education grants for random student drug testing.

There is no cost to attend the Summit. To register, please call (202) 395-6750, or email Vanessa Woodberry at [vwoodberry@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:vwoodberry@ondcp.eop.gov).



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## Worth looks into red light cameras

by Matt Mayer

Don Nelson, Regional Sales Manager for Scottsdale Arizona based Traffic Systems Inc, gave a presentation at the Sept. 4 Worth Board of Trustees meeting regarding red light cameras, to be installed at designated intersections in the village. The cameras provide high-resolution imaging with 3,6, and 12 pixel options for clear license plate zooms without pixilation.

The fine is then mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle and the violation will be processed through the village. There is no court appearance required, due to the violation being on film. The fine is in the vicinity of \$90. However it's up to the each municipality to set the exact amount. A red light violation is considered a non-moving violation due to the inability to identify the driver. The camera only takes a picture of the rear of the vehicle and the license plate.

Police Chief John Carpino believes the cameras should be placed at the following intersections: Southwest Highway and Harlem Avenue, 105th Street and Oak Park Avenues and Harlem Avenue. "I asked them to also investigate 111th Street and Harlem Avenue - that intersection has the most accidents," Carpino said.

Lombard based Red Speed Illinois will give a presentation at the next board meeting. Both vendors have also been performing surveys, to determine the best placement of the cameras. Surrounding metro areas such as Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, and Orland Park have been following Chicago's lead of red-light cameras. The next meeting is September 18.

## Chicago Ridge revises multi family ordinances

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved the necessary ordinances at the Sept. 4 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting regarding residential multi family dwellings. The revisions are as follows: A \$100 fee for 1-3 units, 4 or more units require an additional \$25 fee and a noncompliance service charge of \$300 for reinspection. The ordinance also requires a written lease for each unit. Ordinance verbiage has also been changed, such as an administration hearing regarding violations and inspections.

Other highlights: The board approved a contract with Mead Electric for \$97,006 for the installation of (LED) Light Emitting Diode lights at traffic signals. The village has received a \$33,255 grant; the village's portion is \$63,751 for the project. The village has also contacted Worth, Bridgeview, and Oak Lawn requesting they share the costs of shared municipal intersections.

The board also revised the village's vehicle usage policy for village employees in an official capacity only such as police, fire and public works employees. The revisions include the use of seatbelts, no smoking as of January 1, 2008, which is when the new state wide non-smoking ban takes effect. The driver must be at least 18 years of age, no drinking, drugs or the use of medical drugs, which may impair driving: mileage and destination logs must be kept, and the police and fire chiefs should know where the

vehicles are going.

A solicitation request from Misericordia to hold their annual fund drive April 25 and 26, 2008 was approved as well as a request from the March of Dimes to hold their door-to-door solicitation during the weekends in November and December. A fire department request for a Fill the Boot Drive to be held on September 7-8 on the village's side of the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Southwest Highway was also approved. Proceeds from the drive will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

## Learn QiGong at The Center

Health educator Dr. Steven Holcomb will lead the healing practice of QiGong on Sunday, September 30, 5:15 pm, at The Center, located at 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park. According to Holcomb, QiGong, pronounced "chee kung", combines the essential elements of Oriental Medicine, acupuncture channels, meditation, and imagination. He describes the practice as a series of exercises for improved health, longevity, and well-being. The evening is a part of the Spirituality series, offered monthly at The Center. There is no fee, but reservations are requested for the program. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

## Pooch walk for the homeless

The annual Franciscan Outreach Pooch Walk to benefit the homeless! Walk with or without a dog around Lake Katherine. The event includes a goodie bag and bandana for every dog, pet blessing by a Franciscan Friar, Doggie Olympics, Doggie-Owner Look Alike Contest and other games, photos with and drawings of your pet, a DJ, Doggie Psychics, snacks and beverages, a silent auction, a raffle and more! As indicated by Keelin Murphy, a volunteer who is participating for the third time this year with her dog McTavish, "Pooch Walk is a wonderful event for all ages-every paw helps. I made a difference for McTavish, a former Sheltie Rescue dog, and he is helping many other lives by walking for the homeless". WHY: This is a pleasurable community event. The proceeds from the event will benefit Franciscan Outreach Association programs that help homeless men and women.

Father Larry Janecz, Executive Director of Franciscan Outreach Association, said, "We love

## Worth Park District offer many workshops throughout the year

The Worth Park District offers many workshops through the year. Join us for CPR certification, Magic For Muggles on September 22nd with Magician "Doc" Morrissey, Crazy Tie Dye on November 9th, Kids and Parent's making magic on October 20th. Special workshops are offered through T USA Martial Arts.

Self Protection and Personal Safety for Women will be held on September 29th and Oct. 9th at 11am. This will build on the basics of physical self defense, teach hands on techniques of distraction and escape from a predator and educate women on how to reduce her chances of being targeted by a predator. A kids M-Power Self protection workshop will be on October 6th at 10AM. Empower your child with essential life saving skills and increase knowledge of potential lures used by predators. For more information please call 708 448 7080 or visit us at [www.worthparkdistrict.org](http://www.worthparkdistrict.org)

Take a trip this fall with the Worth Park District. We are traveling to the following locations: Scarecrow Festival in St. Charles on October 6th, Chicago History Museum on November 10th, Historic Pullman House Walk on October 14th, Christmas Memories at Naper Settlement on December 15th and Scrooge, the musical on December 9th. Preregistration is required for all trips. Please call 708 448 7080 for information.

Come dance the morning away at our new baby disco hour! All children ages 6 months and up are invited to bop to the music, play games and interact with others at the Worth Park District. Our next dance will be on Friday, September 21st at 9:15am-10:15. Admission is \$2 and includes a small snack. This is open to the public. We are located at 11500 s. Beloit, 3 blocks West of Harlem Ave.

Teens, join us for our first Soc Hop of the year on Friday September 21st from 6:30-8:30pm. Admission is \$5 and is located at the Terrace Centre at 11500 s. Beloit. This is only open to grades 5-8. Children must be residents of Worth. Concessions are available and volunteers are welcome.

We offer many children's classes ranging in ages from 6 months to 16 years. For a brochure, please call 708-448-7080 or visit us online at [www.worthparkdistrict.org](http://www.worthparkdistrict.org).

Do you like to play basketball? Register now for Comets basketball for boys and Cheetahs for Girls in grades 4-8th. Returning players must register the week of September 24th. All new players should register the week of October 8th at the Worth Park District, 11500 S. Beloit, 3 blocks West of Harlem Ave. Practices begin in November. Please call 708 448 7080 for information.

The Worth Park District offers homemade senior luncheons on September 19th, October 17th, November 14th and December

animals like St. Francis did. We're enthused about Pooch Walk and the camaraderie at this event.

We appreciate the community's support for our work helping thousands of homeless people survive and overcome hurdles in their lives. Please join us for a good time".

WHERE: We will be on the beautiful grounds of Lake Katherine Nature Center, 7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463

WHEN: Sept. 22, 2007 from 9 A.M. to noon.

HOW: Register to participate (\$20 in advance/\$25 at the event) and collect pledges. For more information, see <http://www.franoutreach.org/PoochWalk.htm>, or call Carol at (773) 278-6724, or e-mail [carol@franoutreach.org](mailto:carol@franoutreach.org).

Individuals and groups are welcome. There is a prize for the group that raises the most for the homeless. Please see our website for more information on our programs and on other opportunities to volunteer and donate.

WHO: This dog and family-oriented event would be a good community service event for school children or parishioners of any age and for both group and individual participants.

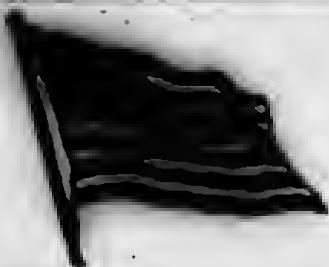
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## RTA Board approves stopgap funding

*Board calls Governor's plan temporary, says transit needs a long-term plan*

CHICAGO—In an emergency session earlier today, the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) Board of Directors voted 10-2 to approve Governor Rod Blagojevich's stopgap plan to fund the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. The measure will push the transit agencies' doomsday scenarios back to November 4. Originally, CTA and Pace's first round of fare hikes, service cuts and layoffs were slated to begin this Sunday.

"I must emphasize that the Governor's proposal is a temporary fix and without a legislative solution—only delays the inevitable," said Steve Schlickman, RTA's Executive.

Today's budget action allows the full \$91 million that the State appropriated for State fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) for reduced fares for students, the disabled and the elderly and for paratransit services to be allocated to the Service Boards in 2007.

Urging the Board to accept the Governor's proposal, Schlickman reminded the RTA Board members of the agency's responsibility to provide crucial transit services to the nearly eight million residents of northeastern Illinois. If Governor Blagojevich's measure goes forward, "hundreds of thousands of riders will not be forced onto the roads or stranded without transportation alternatives," Schlickman said. "Our economy, our environment and our quality of life will be spared—temporarily—from the negative consequences associated with the cuts. If the Legislature and the Governor do not come to an agreement on a long-term financial solution by November 4, the cuts in service and fare increases will happen."

The Board unanimously agreed that while the Governor's plan pushes back immediate funding deadlines, the Illinois General Assembly must act now to save the transit system from sliding into disrepair. RTA Chairman Jim Reilly restated the need for SB 572, as the best and only equitable plan the Legislature has put forth. The bill, which has bipartisan support throughout the RTA's service region, addresses long-term operating budget needs, reforms to the CTA pension and health care system and reforms recommended in the report issued earlier this year by independent Auditor General William Holland.

"We remain hopeful that the State Legislature will approve a comprehensive solution to the transit funding crisis confronting CTA, Metra and Pace," said Reilly.

Barring additional state funds, he cautioned, the consequences for the 2008 budget would be bleak. "Deeper service cuts, additional fare increases, more capital deferrals and more layoffs will be required to close the projected gap in the operating budget."

The RTA Board of Directors did approve the 2008 Budget Marks for the Service Boards which, due to the lack of action in Springfield, do not include any new funding for mainline service operations or ADA paratransit—a federal mandate. A bleak capital program was also put forth but is uncertain given the lack of a statewide capital program.

Next week, the state Senate is expected to reconvene and take up the issue of mass transit. The transit agencies agree that the stopgap funding will provide additional time

for the Legislature and the Governor to adopt a comprehensive plan to fill capital and operating shortfalls. *About the RTA: The RTA provides financial oversight, funding and regional planning for the three public transit operations in northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and train, Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus and paratransit. For more information, visit [www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com) and [www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org](http://www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org).*

## B of A acquisition of LaSalle Bank – What could 4,000 lost banking jobs mean to Chicagoland?

According to a recent *Crain's Chicago Business* report, a coalition led by the Woodstock Institute commissioned a study projecting that the Bank of America acquisition of LaSalle Bank would result in at least 4,000 layoffs at LaSalle Banks in the Chicago area.

Tom Gimbel, president and CEO of the LaSalle Network, a staffing and recruitment firm based in Chicago that specializes in banking and finance personnel, can address two possible consequences of the job cuts:

**More than three-quarters of those laid off will have to change careers:** The banking and financial industry in Chicago is expected to increase hiring in the fourth quarter. However, the increase is not enough to absorb the jobs lost at B of A. About 80 percent of workers will have to make a career change.

Currently, the banking and financial industries in Chicago are "employee-favored" markets, but the massive lay off will turn them into "employer-favored" markets. Though many talented bank workers will leave the banking industry for other markets, the quality of bank workers will improve because of the increased competition. Employers may even see lower salary expectations than before among top candidates.

Gimbel is available for interviews by contacting TC Public Relations at 312-422-1333, [tc@tcpr.net](mailto:tc@tcpr.net)

About the LaSalle Network:

The LaSalle Network is a professional services firm that has worked with many banks and financial institutions, such as Corus Bank, Shorebank, Bank of America, US Bank, North Community Bank and First Bank of Highland Park.

## Figaro's fills a much-desired nighttime niche on Saint Xavier campus

More than 200 students turned out for the opening. In keeping with Saint Xavier's commitment to protect the environment, Grounds for Change serves organic coffee that is grown by farmers who emphasize the use of renewable resources and is grown without the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizer. It is grown in the shade under a forest canopy, preserving the natural habitat needed for migratory songbirds and other animals. The coffee is also fair trade-certified by TransFair USA. Students and staff are invited to visit Figaro's during grand opening week Sept. 14 to 21 to get free samples of new products and a chance to win cool prizes.

## Alsip approves residential property ordinance

by Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance at the Sept. 4 Alsip Board of Trustees meeting regarding the licensing of landlords of residential properties and establishing a crime free residential property program. A request for police officer Shawn Schultz to attend a defensive tactics training program in Columbus, Ohio on October 15th - 19th, for \$1,460 as well as a request from the fire and police commission to hire a firefighter/paramedic from the established eligibility list was also approved.

Other highlights: A fire department request for Deputy Fire Chief Terry Vrshek to attend an Incident Safety Officer course at the Orland Park Fire Station No. 3 on August 27-31 for \$375 was also approved as well as a request for Fire Deputy Chief Joe Schmitt to attend the Illinois Child Passenger Safety Seat Conference in Bloomington, Illinois on September 12 and 13 for \$30. A request for Fire Chief Geraci to attend the Fire Prevention Officer I course at Moraine Valley Community College this fall for \$432 was also approved.

The board approved a contract with Frazier Concrete for the replacement of the north entrance drive on the west side of the Public Works Building, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 as well as a contract for the annual sidewalk replacement program at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. A Knights of Columbus request to conduct their 38th annual fund drive on various streets throughout the village on September 21 and 23 was also approved.



## The statue of Our Lady of the New Millennium graced Maria High School

Students, faculty, and staff of Maria High School gathered in front of Our Lady of the New Millennium to pray for the needs of the school community, the needs of the neighborhood, and the needs of the world on September 12, 2007, the feast of the Holy Name of Mary.



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### Evergreen Park receives Storm Ready Recognition

By Matt Mayer

Jim Allsopp, Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Romeoville, Illinois, presented the village with a storm ready certification from the National Weather Service at the Sept. 17 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. Allsopp outlined the program saying the program was developed some 7 years ago in an effort to get communities to be prepared for severe weather. Some of the requirements to receive this recognition from the National Weather Service include a 24-hour center that monitors severe weather. There also needs to be redundancy to received watches and warnings from the National Radio Service as well as redundant methods to get that warning information out to the community.

"One of the requirements is to have a weather radio in all public buildings and schools. In addition to the weather radio, the village has installed a weather radio in police facilities that provides double converge. A method of monitoring weather conditions and trained

spotters is also required. The village received proper training at the village fire department last spring. There also needs to be public education programs. The Village of Evergreen Park has met all these requirements to become a storm ready community. There are only 37 storm ready communities throughout the State of Illinois so this is a pretty distinctive honor to receive this recognition. The folks at the fire department have also done a lot of work in getting the community prepared," Allsopp said.

"The worse tornado disaster ever, occurred 40 years ago in the Chicago metropolitan area on April 21, 1967 - this tornado went through Evergreen Park. We know that tornados strike here and we do need to be prepared for that possibility," Allsopp said.

Allsopp congratulated the village for all the hard work that went into this recognition and said "The National Weather Service is doing the presentation, but were not doing this alone, we work closely with the Illinois Emergency Management Association." Thomas Janetske, Disaster Management Coordinator from the Mount Prospect Fire Department, also congratulated the village as well a representative from the Cook County Emergency Management Association.



From Left to Right: Little Company of Mary's Chief Operating Officer Mary Freyer posed with Vicki Iovine, Author and Keynote Speaker at Little Company of Mary's Girlfriend's Getaway Event, and Director of Little Company of Mary's Health Education Centers Joan E. Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., who emceed the evening.

### Little Company of Mary Announces Building Plans

LCM Hosts event to kick-off plans for their new 'Women's Center for Life and Health'

For more than two decades, Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has been a pioneer for improving women's health and even received national acknowledgment for their work from the American Hospital Association as early as mid-1980's. Striving to make health care as painless as possible, Little Company of Mary announced plans to create a beautiful new facility to house many of the women's services that have always been available to the women in the community. The new "Women's Center for Life and Health" was announced at a special event held at the Hilton Oak Lawn on Tuesday, September 25.

Hundreds of area women learned of the Hospital's new endeavor at the first annual "Girlfriend's Getaway," an event dedicated solely to women's health. Director of Little Company of Mary's Health Education Centers Joan E. Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., announced plans for the new Center, which include a new, state-of-the-art inpatient facility for Little Company of Mary's legendary maternity services, known as The Family Birth Center. The Center also will feature outpatient services for women's bone health, pelvic floor health, breast health and preventive cardiac care.

This is a very exciting time in Little Company of Mary's history," said Dennis Reilly, president and CEO of Little Company of Mary. "We are still developing our complete plans, however, pending Illinois regulators' approval, we anticipate breaking ground within 16 months."

Keynote speaker and renowned women's self-help book author of the *Girlfriend's Guide* series Vicki Iovine flew in from California to start the evening. Iovine stressed the value of friendships and encouraged women to value themselves and their health as they would their children's. Iovine has appeared on "Good Morning America," "The View," and "Oprah," and writes several parenting columns for national magazines.

Following the keynote, women enjoyed educational breakout sessions led by experts on health topics pertaining to women. Little Company of Mary experts: Olga Ivanov, MD; Travis Haldeman, DO; and Holly Loesch, MD, led an interactive panel discussion that provided the latest information on topics vital to women's health.

### Oak Lawn postpones civil service vote

By Matt Mayer

At the Sept. 25 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the Board unanimously approved a motion to table an ordinance abolishing the civil service commission until the next meeting so the trustees may have time to review the 64 page personnel policy manual, which village manager Larry Deetjen and Dan Omjeczinski prepared.

Other highlights: The board approved a section and a chapter of the village code pertaining to an automated traffic law enforcement penalty. If a driver of a vehicle is cited for an automated traffic law violation, and is not issued a citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the owner of the vehicle is then subject to a penalty of \$100.00 per violation. If the fine is not paid within 14 days after the violation notice, the penalty shall increase to \$200.

An ordinance for a five lot subdivision with variations for reduced street frontage, uneven side yards, reduced lot and easement widths and increased lot coverage and building setbacks at 10425 S. Kedvale Avenue was approved as well as an ordinance for a side yard variation at 9513 S. Ridgeland Avenue. An ordinance to increase the number of class B liquor licenses by one for Gennaro Drugs at 87th Street and Central Avenue was also approved.

A request regarding fire protection contracts with North Palos, Roberts Park and Central Stickney for emergency communication dispatch was approved as well as the purchase of a Ford F-Series Duty Crew Cab service vehicle from Hawk Ford for \$34,790 and a Ford Expedition 4x4 for \$31,800. The next meeting is October 9.

### Oak Lawn Park District Instructor Receives Award

George Shimko, Oak Lawn Park District instructor and proprietor of the George Shimko Basketball School, received the 2nd place Illinois Association of Park District's 'Good Sportsmanship Award' on Friday, September 14 at the IAPD Best of the Best Gala held at the Wheaton Park District's Arrowhead Golf Club and Banquet Facility.

The Oak Lawn Park District nominated George for his guiding principle of "Good Students Make Better Athletes," which parallels the athletic and educational direction and beliefs of the Oak Lawn Park District. Personally and professionally, George ensures that student athletes

and his own children continually strive to develop the complete person that is in all of us.

The George Shimko Basketball School was started in 1994 and is designed for boys and girls ages 5-18. These programs teach not only the fundamentals of basketball, but also the importance of education and life. George Shimko Basketball School runs programs every season at the Oak Lawn Community Pavilion. Programs include: Rookie Session; Veteran Session; Power Moves Session; Shooting Session and Jump Shot School.

George Shimko and his programs have been a great asset to the Oak Lawn Park District and to all those who have participated in his programs. His philosophy, dedication and integrity made him the ideal recipient of the 2007 IAPD Good Sportsmanship Award.

### Reavis High School Parade

Saturday, October 6, 2007, Reavis High School, 6034 W. 77th Place, Burbank, IL. 60459, 708/599-7200

Float decorations based on the theme, "Reavis Road Trip 2007 - Coast to Coast". Float Colors navy blue & white.

All participants meet at the school at 9:00 a.m. to line up. The route is as follows:

Anstin Avenue to 79th Street; left on 79th St.; right on Central to 83rd St.; right on 83rd St. to Narragansett Avenue, and right on Narragansett Avenue to 77th Street, right on 77th Street to Moody Ave.

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 10:45 a.m.



## Smith Village Information Center to Display Works by Renowned Local Artist Simmerling

Beverly area artist Jack Simmerling, one of the city's foremost painters of historic landmarks, will have a special showing at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, of new water colors and acrylics he recently created.

The showing at the Smith Village Information Center at 10400 S. Western Ave. is open to the public and will include free refreshments.

Simmerling (second from left) has been commissioned by Smith Village to do a huge mural of local landmarks for the dining area of the continuing care retirement community's new independent living residences when they open in November on west 113th Place between Western and Oakley avenues.

Shown conferring with him on that project are (l. to r.) interior designer Barbara Balongue and Smith's special projects manager Jim Fitch. The person on the right is not identified.

For more information about Smith Village, call 773-881-4950 or visit [smithvillage.org](http://smithvillage.org).

## Burbank Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce will host a special luncheon on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Mabenka's Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero Avenue, @ Noon. Mayor Harry Klein will address the membership on the "State of the City" with a question and answer period. The Chamber will also elect the 2008 Executive Board.

The Nominees are:  
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Diane Shields, Prairie Trails Library  
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## Hometown News

Army National Guard Pvt. Patrick F. O'Grady has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of James and Lydia O'Grady of Cheyenne Drive, Palos Heights, Ill.

Garrett M. Riley has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to

deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

He is the son of James and Pauline Riley of S. 82nd Ave., Hickory Hills, Ill., and nephew of Pamela and Gregg Dudash of Palos Hills, Ill.

His grandparents are Warren and Delores Teuber of Hayward, Wis. Riley is a 2007 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills.

Nicholas J. Lenard has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The 28-day course is a leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their sophomore and junior college years. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers

and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their college.

The Army observes and evaluates cadets to determine their officer abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training. The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision making, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremonies, communications, and squad-level operations field training. The cadet is a student at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

He is the son of Dan J. and Linda M. Lenard of S. 83rd Court, Palos Hills, Ill. Lenard is a 2005 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills.

## Local Merit Scholarship

Local Merit Scholarship semifinalists named

The following students were named Merit Scholarship semifinalists:  
From Tinley Park Melanie S. Ferrando and Danielle N. Joaquin from Andrews High School; From Stagg High School, Winnie Lin in Palos Hills. Representing Orland Park is Shannon W. Crotty and Riva J. Reilly from Sandburg High School. Maria K. Norberg and Ryan W. Solava are from Lincoln-Way Central High School in New Lenox. Joshua Evenhouse is from Chicago Christian High School and James D. Dreger and Ryan K. Kosman from Shepard High School are in Palos Heights. From Frankfort's Lincoln-Way East High School are Almee M. Hultquist, Michele Karaskewicz, Jeffrey O'Brien, Bridget E. Quinn and Brian M. Sabal. Congratulations to the scholars.

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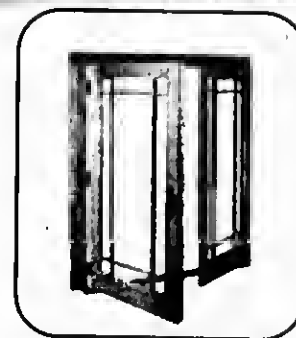
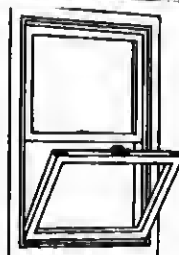


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## Chicago Family Files Class Action Lawsuit in Defective Crib Case

Friday September 28, 2007  
Amber and Joshua Spitzer, Plaintiffs and Attorney Charles Kelly from Hersh & Hersh announcing the details of class action law suit against Simplicity and Graco Crib Manufacturers. Four years and three infants deaths later, it took an expose by the Chicago Tribune and a fourth possible infant death this past Wednesday, to prompt the manufacturer and the CPSC to finally take action and initiate the recall in announcing the recall. Simplicity is offering owners of the compromised crib a replacement drop rail kit. The class action lawsuit claims that the recall is grossly inadequate and irresponsible and that Simplicity should be required to tell consumers to dismantle their crib, and return it for a full refund.

In 2005, local attorney Charles Kelly filed the first law suit against Simplicity for selling a defective crib that led to the death of a 9-month-old infant Liam Johns. Two years and three deaths later, Kelly and the Chicago-based Spitzer family are leading the charge to bring a class action suit against the manufacturers to ensure a proper remedy is offered to families who inadvertently placed children in danger by purchasing and using defective cribs.

"The crib manufacturers have known for several years that these cribs contained fatal flaws," said Kelly. "These companies have blatantly put profit above the health and safety of infants." Among other demands, the suit seeks to force the manufacturers to provide a full refund to families who purchased these cribs.

The address of the Spitzer Residence is 1833 Zeppelin Dr., Hanover Park, IL 60133 or call 630-203-3832



## "Home For The Holidays House Walk" For Crisis Center For South Suburbia

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia (CCSS) is proud to announce its 3rd Annual Home for the Holidays House Walk Saturday, November 17, sponsored by Presenting Sponsor RE/MAX TEAM 2000 Orland Park-Palos Heights. Ethan Allen - Orland Park is again the Platinum Sponsor for the event.

This year, five appealing homes in the Orland Park community are being featured. The event begins at the Orland Park Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. with home tours from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities will continue throughout the day at the Civic Center until 5:00 p.m. Local businesses will provide the opportunity to browse and shop throughout the day. Other activities include a box lunch, raffle prizes, and meeting and greeting other people from the community who care about the Crisis Center.

RE/MAX TEAM 2000 Orland Park-Palos Heights has been the presenting sponsor of this event for three years. Their staff members actively provide committee leadership and volunteers for the day.

All proceeds from the House Walk will benefit the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

For more information on the Crisis Center and its services, or about the Home for the Holidays House Walk call 708/429-7255 ext. 26 or visit [www.crisisctr.org](http://www.crisisctr.org).

## The Sheriff's Safety Tips.

Protect yourself from the Identity Theft

Unfortunately, identity theft is a crime that has easier to commit thanks to a computer automation and other technological advances. Type your name and date of birth into an internet search engine and you'll be amazed by the personal information that is available. Your address and phone number, not to mention details on your home mortgage, are listed for all to see. Criminals who commit identity theft thrive on the easy availability of this information.

Here are a number of steps you can take to protect your identity:

Guard your Social Security Number

Avoid carrying any forms of identification that list your social security number. If you are asked to provide your social security number on an application, inquire if another identifier, such as a driver's license number, can be given instead.

Shred all bills, receipts and bank statements before putting them in the trash

Thieves will often pick

through garbage cans in search of these items.

Regularly obtain a copy of your credit report.

Once a year you should contact one of the three major credit reporting bureaus: TransUnion, Equifax or Experian, to view your credit report. This will enable you to see if any credit cards or loans have been taken out in your name without your knowledge.

Use unique passwords

Don't use your mother's maiden name, your spouse's, children's or pet's names—a thief can easily find this information with a computerized search of public records.

Obtain virus protection for your computer

Especially if you frequently shop or pay bills online. Be sure to update it often.

Don't open or download files from strangers

An identity thief could use these files to obtain personal information from your computer.

Don't give out personal information over the phone, internet or mail unless you have initiated contact with the requester. For more detailed tips on protecting your identity, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

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## Taste of Tennis Open House

The Oak Lawn Park District will be hosting a tennis open house on Friday, October 5 from 6-10pm at the Racquet, Fitness and Gymnastics Center (10444 S. Central Ave.). This free event will feature a meet & greet with the staff, a Wilson Clinic, exhibition matches, radar serve timing, NTRP rating and open courts from 6-10pm. Memberships will be available for 50% off for new members. Come out and see what the Racquet, Fitness and Gymnastics Center has to offer. For more information call 708-857-2215.

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## Library Storytime Registration

The Oak Lawn Public Library will open registration for their late fall series of children's storytime programs Saturday, October 13. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Preference is given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card is required to enroll.

The following storytime meetings will be held November 5 through December 7:

**\*\* Baby Business (Ages 6 to 23 months):** Select Tuesdays or Fridays from 9:30-10 a.m. — A first-time group experience for babies and their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, songs, rhymes and puppetry will introduce rhythm and language.

**\*\* Toddler Time (Ages 24 to 36 months):** Select Tuesdays or Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m. — Stories in books, songs, games, fingerplays, flannel boards and puppets introduce literature to the young child through interaction with an adult and other children of the same age.

**\*\* Preschool (Ages 3 to 5 years):** Select Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. or Tuesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. — A storytime for children who are ready for social activity on their own.

**\*\* After School (Grades K to 2):** Wednesdays from 4-4:45 p.m. — Storytelling, songs and games for children at the peak learning period of reading readiness.

### Local Artists on Exhibit

The Oak Lawn Public Library will exhibit dozens of original works by four Oak Lawn artists in their Public Art Gallery during October 2007.

Members of the community may stop in to view oil paintings by Robert Mayer, photographs by Carol Berry, drawings by Marie

Dunkel and 3-D pieces by Thomas Karones. The art gallery is located on the second floor, near the Computer Center.

Artists interested in participating in future exhibitions can pick up an application at the library's Reception Booth. Contact Linda Olsen, at 708-422-4990.

### Homeschool Group Meets at Library

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group sponsored by the Oak Lawn Public Library, the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. On October 11, the group will hold a Science Fair. Participants should bring a science fair project to share with others. No registration required. All ages are welcome.

Stop by the Youth Services Desk or call library.

### Calling All "Yu-Gi-Oh" Players

"Yu-Gi-Oh" Players will host a Yu-Gi-Oh game event 4-5 p.m. Thursday, October 11. Students in grades three and up are invited to bring their own set of Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration required. Lower level meeting room.

### Library Seeks Input from Teens

Input from Teens will hold their next Teen Advisory Board meeting Wednesday, October 17 from 7-8 p.m. Teens in grades six through 10 can earn volunteer service hours while sharing ideas and suggestions to help the library better serve people in that age group. No registration required. Light refreshments is provided.

### Teen Lock-In at Library

Oak Lawn residents and students in sixth through tenth grade are invited to attend a "Teen Lock-In" night hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Friday, October 19 from 5-9 p.m. This special after-hours party will feature games, food, movies and a

"Reverse American Idol" contest, where the worst singers win. Participants must register at the Youth Services Desk and submit a parental permission form by October 14. Limited to 40 teens.

### Halloween Magic Show for Kids

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a "Things That Go Bump in the Night" Halloween Magic Show for families with children ages five and up Sunday, October 21 from 3-3:45 p.m. Magician Michael Kett will need audience participation to pull off his amazing feats of magic and wonder. No advance registration required. Lower level meeting room. Parents are welcome attend with their child.

### Getting Your Book Published

Aspiring writers are invited to attend "Getting Your Book Published," an all-day workshop hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register in advance at the Reception Booth. \$10 fee. Limit: 36.

Joe Durepos, an acquisitions editor for a Chicago-based publisher, and Bret Nicholas, author of twenty books, will explain what goes into getting a book in print. From self-publishing and small presses to the large trade houses in New York, these speakers have worked with them all and have wonderful, and sometimes not so wonderful, experiences to share. Breakfast treats will be provided. Attendees should bring a bag lunch or plan to go out for lunch.

View a complete schedule of adult programs, and other programs at the library's web site ([www.oaklawlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990. Don't forget to stop by and pick up our Fall 2007 Program Booklet.

## National Merit Semi-finalists at Mother McAuley

Chicago (September 2007)

Dr. Christine Melone, president/principal of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, announced that seniors Helen Padden of Beverly and Victoria Simmons of Evergreen Park have been recognized as National Merit Semi-finalists.

Both students took the qualifying PSAT test on National Testing Day in October of 2006. Helen scored a perfect score on the math portion and Victoria scored a near perfect on the writing portion. Currently more than 1.4 million students in more than 21,000 high schools enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Helen and Victoria now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 8,200 merit scholarship awards. To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the students' earlier qualifying test performance. Semi-finalists must also complete an application which includes a self-descriptive essay and information about the applicant's participation and leadership in school and community activities. Merit Scholarship winners of 2008



Mother McAuley seniors Victoria Simmons (left) and Helen Padden (right) have been named National Merit Semi-finalists.

will be announced beginning academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. There are approximately 250,000 distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title since its inception.

In addition, seniors Margaret Curran (Oak Lawn), Michelle Garner (Oak Lawn), Catherine Martin (Oak Lawn), Catherine Ryan (Evergreen Park), Maura Walsh (Oak Lawn), and Veronica Willis (Flossmoor) have been named as Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors. The Commended Students are among 34,000 high school seniors nationwide who have been recognized for placing in the top five percent of the 1.4 million students who enter the competition.

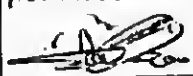
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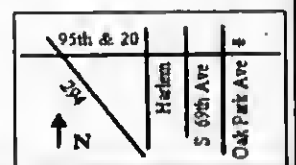
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Evergreen Park High School Class of 1972 will hold their 35<sup>th</sup> year reunion on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at American Legion Hall at 9701 S Kedzie. Evergreen Park at 6:30pm for \$30 per person including dinner, dessert and music with a cash bar.

Make checks payable to EP72-Class reunion to Evergreen Community Bank, 3842 W 95<sup>th</sup> St. For information call Andy at

## St Laurence HS Mother's Club craft fair

The St Laurence HS Mother's Club is hosting a 'Shop Til You Drop' Craft Fair on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2007 from 9am to 4pm. The craft fair is in the school cafeteria, which is located in the north end of the building. Admission is free.

St Laurence High School is located at 5556 W 77<sup>th</sup> st in Burbank. For more information on Mother's Club craft fair please contact Gloria Garcia (773-586-0945) or Gail Ropa (708-388-4031).

## Mt. Assisi holds Shadow Days

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To schedule a Shadow Day visit, please call Stephanie Iannotta at (630) 257-7844.



## Ringling Bros. And Barnum Bailey comes to Chicago

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Audiences are invited to arrive one hour before the show for an interactive All Access Pre-show free to ticket holders. Here children of all ages can learn circus skills, become Circus Fit, meet the performers and get an up-close look at the animal stars of The Greatest Show on Earth.

Tickets are available at Allstate Arena Box office, 6920 N. Mannheim Rd, Rosemont. For group tickets call 847-891-8916 (Allstate). The United Center box office is 1901 W Madison, Chicago. For group tickets call 312-455-7469. Tickets can be purchased on Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212. Ticket prices are \$13-\$24.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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## Sheriff attends cops and robbers fishing event

Thomas J. Dart with dozens of employees from the Sheriff's Office participated in the first annual 'Cops and Robbers Fishing Event' earlier this summer at Tampier Lake in the Cook County Forest Preserve. In a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago, employees from the sheriff's Office volunteered to be a 'Big for a Day' by fishing with children who were currently on the waiting list for a mentor.

For more information on becoming a mentor, visit the Big brothers Big sisters of Metropolitan Chicago website at [www.bbbschgo.org](http://www.bbbschgo.org).

## Dinner at Shula's Steak House

by Annette Dixon

A friend and I made plans for a downtown dinner, although I had no idea what was in store for me. I wanted to get together with her, so dinner seemed to be us good an idea for a get together as any other.

It is embarrassing to admit that I thought that Don Shula must be a famous chef. Instead, it seems that he was Coach of the Miami Dolphins. That said, however, he certainly knows how to find a chef. He also knows how to create a semiformal though friendly ambience in his restaurant in the Sheraton Towers in downtown Chicago. In addition, Mr. Shula knows how to find waitpersons who are friendly and helpful without being at all intrusive.

The waitperson instructed us as to the cuts of the steak and also the size of the steaks. Since it is a

steak house, I cleverly ordered the twelve-ounce filet mignon, steamed asparagus, twice baked potato and mushrooms.

I was delighted with my choice until I saw my companion's dinner. She had ordered the lamb chops (they were gigantic and beautifully browned), and steamed asparagus, and salad of spinach leaves, tomatoes and chopped up mozzarella. She insisted that I try it and it was really very good; still, I do love my Caesar salads.

Although her lamb chops looked and smelled wonderful, I must confess that I could find no fault with my steak. It was tender and flavorful.

When asked if I wanted desert, well, I do love my deserts. My friend suggested cheese cake and I was disappointed, at first, when I saw it, it just didn't look like any big deal. Then, I tasted it. Sheer Heaven!

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## Rock Out For The Fight Against Breast Cancer!

On Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Hard Rock Cafe Chicago will host performances by up-and-coming singer/songwriters Vicci Martinez and Griffin Hense. In addition, fans can also enter a drawing to win an Ovation guitar autographed by various artists, with proceeds benefiting Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, dedicated to providing information and support to those touched by breast cancer, their families, healthcare professionals and the public.

This event is part of Hard Rock International's "Rocktober" campaign, a month-long initiative committed to raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research. The "Rocktober" campaign includes a series of live music events at Hard Rock venues around the world that feature emerging artists rockin' for a cause. Hard Rock Cafe Chicago will also offer a limited-edition 2007 Hard Rock Breast Cancer Awareness Pin and feature a line of special Pink Cocktails, both benefiting The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Check them out today by visiting the Chicago cafe or [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com)!



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### SHARING A MEMORY

If you're from Chicago you know that the city is basically divided into two sides - north side and south side. Now it's been said that north siders rarely travel to the other side of town. Southsiders, on the other hand, will travel out of their south side nest, however, some of us will get lost on our travels.

Bill and I are both southsiders, born and raised, as our parents before us.

Whenever we do venture away from our neighborhood toward the north side we resemble tourists, and just like tourists we sometimes tend to get lost.

On August 25th Bill and I were on our way to the north side for the wedding of Brian White, son of my friend Diane Dean White. Bill and I met Diane, her husband Stephen and their son Brian when they came to Chicago a few years ago to visit Brian, who happens to live up north.

Our previous online friendship had blossomed into something more bonding and now, with invitation in hand, we were on our way to the wedding of Brian and Inna.

Now, invite us 'up north' as we call it - and you might as well invite us to another state. We have been known to get lost at the drop of a map, so heading to the section of the city appealing to tourist types we jumped on the Dan Ryan (only to find ourselves smack dab in the middle of a traffic jam. As we inched along a dead stand still greeted us.

We had our directions. Once we got near Navy Pier we were told that there would be two signs - one for Wacker drive and one for Navy Pier. We wanted Wacker. There was only one slight problem. When we reached that part there was only one sign and it said both Wacker and Navy Pier. Since we could see Navy Pier to our right we chose to veer toward the left and somehow we made the right choice because we eventually ran into Moody Church. Now we faced a whole other problem - PARKING! One thing I have learned about the north side is that there is never any parking anywhere, anytime.

Right around the corner from the church there is a private lot with ample parking for Moody guests. Unfortunately for us the gate was down and a sign announced that the lot was full. As we drove passed I spied an available space within the parking lot. Bill raced around the block and pulled up close to the sign. I got out of the car and moved it away from the entrance. Bill thought if he drove up to the gate it would automatically open. It didn't.

Frustrated, I jumped back in the car and Bill quickly reversed the car and almost hit a guy whizzing by on a bicycle. Now we were desperate. The ceremony was at 11:00 and it was 11:10. Another trip around the block and I had a last ditch idea: I'd try to lift the gate myself.

As I attempted to lift the very heavy, striped bar, two guys approached and asked me what I thought I was doing. By now I was close to tears. I explained that we were late for Brian White's wedding as I pointed out to them the lone open space in the lot. Thankfully the understanding gentlemen were affiliated with Moody and we were given the okay to park there.

We ran to church just in time to witness the nuptials of Inna and Brian.

It was a bright and sunny day. The bride and groom beamed with happiness. Bill and I were honored to share in this blessed event.

I watched as my friend, tears of joy welling up in her eyes, took in the meaning of this special day and I was reminded of the gifts of friendships that God brings into our lives.

Who would have thought that e-mail friends from different states would share a memory right here in my own hometown. And, for the record—we didn't make one wrong turn on our way home sweet home to the south side of Chicago.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**—Gems may be precious but friendship is priceless. (Author Unknown.)

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## Saint Xavier University hosts workshops on stuttering Bob Quesal to speak at programs

School-age children and teens, along with their parents, can attend a youth-day workshop promoting self-esteem and treatment for children who stutter.

The program will include education and support for parents and take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Andrew Conference Center at Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. There will also be a Friday, Oct. 19, program specifically for speech-language pathologists, special education teachers and speech pathology students, titled "Assessing and Treating Stuttering in an Evidence-based Practice World," in Saint Xavier University's Butler Reception Room.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The events are co-sponsored by Saint Xavier University and the National Stuttering Association. Speaking at both events will be Bob Quesal, Ph.D., a certified clinical speech-language

pathologist and board-recognized fluency specialist and a professor at Western Illinois University, where he teaches classes in stuttering, speech science, anatomy, research design, and voice disorders.

Quesal's research has addressed assessment of multiple outcomes of stuttering treatment and especially outcomes from the perspective of the person who stutters. A board-recognized fluency specialist, he has presented papers at numerous local, state, national and international meetings. Other speakers at Saturday's workshop include Lee Reeves, member of the board of directors of the National Stuttering Association; Connie Dugan, a certified clinical speech-language pathologist and board-recognized specialist in fluency disorders; Karen Czarnik, a certified clinical speech-language pathologist and professor at Saint Xavier; Nina Reardon-

Reeves, a certified clinical speech-language pathologist and board-recognized specialist in fluency disorders; Paul Bittorf, adult chapter leader of the National Stuttering Association; and James Zerlentes, a certified clinical speech-language pathologist.

Saturday's workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children and teens will meet kids who stutter and meet successful adults who stutter and engage in fun and self-affirming activities. Parents and speech-language pathologists will learn about the newest research in stuttering and find out what they can do to help. They will meet other parents and persons who stutter and learn how to develop a team between family, school and speech-language pathologist.

At Friday's program, attendees will learn about the totality of the stuttering disorder and will learn to view it largely from the perspective of the person who stutters. Definitions,

assessments, treatments and outcomes for a variety of ages and severity levels will all be presented from an "empathy-based practice" perspective of the disorder. Examples and resources will be provided.

Attendees will leave with a more comprehensive view of stuttering more resources to use when working with people who stutter, and more confidence in their ability to help their clients who stutter.

Registration for Friday's event is \$105 for speech-language pathologists who register before Oct. 12, or \$115 for speech-language pathologists who register after Oct. 12.

Cost for students and National Stuttering Association members is \$40 before Oct. 12, or \$50 after Oct. 12.

Registration for Saturday's NSA Youth Day is \$25 before Oct. 8 or \$35 after Oct. 8.

For more information, please contact Karen Czarnik at czarnik@sxu.edu or NSA at info@WeStutter.org.



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## 2007-2008 Jazz at Symphony Center Season Kicks Off

The Roy Haynes Fountain of Youth and vibraphonist Stefon Harris to perform on Friday, October 5

Django Reinhardt Festival and veteran keyboardist Dick Hyman to be featured on Friday, October 26

**CHICAGO** — The 2007-2008 Jazz at Symphony Center series kicks off in October with two special double-bill programs. On Friday, October 5 at 8 p.m., celebrated drummer Roy Haynes performs with the Roy Haynes Fountain of Youth, featuring Jalcel Shaw on saxophone, Martin Bejerano on piano and John Sullivan on bass. Vibraphonist Stefon Harris opens the program with works from "African Tarantella...Dances with Duke," his tribute to the legendary Duke Ellington. On Friday, October 26 at 8 p.m., veteran keyboardist Dick Hyman kicks off the first half of the program, which is completed by the Django Reinhardt Festival, a celebration of the work of French Gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt.

Friday, October 5: Roy Haynes Fountain of Youth and Stefon Harris

Now in his 80s, Roy Haynes has performed and recorded as a sideman with jazz legends including Louis Armstrong, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Sarah Vaughan. He continues to play with the same fiery energy and creative spark he exhibited when he first hit the jazz scene, touring the world as the leader of critically acclaimed groups of his own. His latest CD, "Where As," features a performance from his 80th birthday celebration last year in St. Paul, Minn., during the city's official "Roy Haynes Weekend."

Opening the program is renowned vibraphonist and composer Stefon Harris, who will lead an ensemble in works from his latest recording, "African Tarantella...Dances with Duke." A tribute to the enduring legacy of the great composer and bandleader Duke Ellington, "African Tarantella" features Harris' re-orchestrations of movements from Ellington's New Orleans Suite and Queen's Suite, with three pieces from Harris' own The Gardner Meditations.

Friday, October 26: Django Reinhardt Festival and Dick Hyman and Friends

French Gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt was one of the first famous European jazz musicians, a true stylist with a penchant for melody and a flair for romantic inflection. With master violinist Stephane Grappelli, he founded the Quintette du Hot Club de France in 1934, an influential "swing jazz" ensemble that rose to international fame. Reinhardt used his deep knowledge of harmony and his impeccable instrument technique to create some of swing jazz's hottest music. The Django Reinhardt Festival was formed in New York in 2000 and carries on the master's hot jazz legacy with top players from Europe and America, including this performance with Angelo Debarre, lead guitar; Kruno, lead and rhythm guitar; Tchavolo Hassan, rhythm guitar; Florin Niculescu, violin; Ludovic Beier, accordion; and Brian Torff, bass.

The first half of the concert showcases veteran keyboardist Dick Hyman, with an ensemble that includes clarinet virtuoso Ken Peplowski. Renowned for his eclecticism and versatility since the 1950s, Mr. Hyman has had a wide-ranging career as a pianist, organist, composer, arranger and music director. A Jazz Hall of Fame inductee, he has played dixieland, swing, ragtime, bop and traditional jazz with artists ranging from Dizzy Gillespie to Marian McPartland. His expansive repertoire and recordings include award-winning film scores, compositions and arrangements for Count Basie and Doc Severinsen as well as standards by Irving Berlin and Harold Arlen, among others.

Tickets: \$23-\$53. Tickets can be purchased by calling CSO Ticketing at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or by visiting the CSO's Web site at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604. Student tickets can be purchased, subject to availability, in advance at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) or at the Box Office on the day of the concert. Box Office and CSO Ticketing hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For group rates, please call 312-294-3040. Artists, programs and ticket prices are subject to change.



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## Cymbeline at CST is glorious

by Marijo Doody

It was a three-hour packed presentation of tragedy and comedy tonight. Barbara Gaines's, director, final scene in the new production of William Shakespeare's "Cymbeline" has both the actors and audience engaging in fun-fun and wink-wink in laughter and emotion in high spirits in the production.

The sharing of reconciliation, recognition and happy ever after is noted by light and a fabulous soundtrack. Order and balance are reestablished in the kingdom with the god Jupiter's arrival. The play suggests that fractured and recombined extended families are nothing new under the sun. How true now!

Cymbeline is one of the unforgettable Shakespeare romances, tragedies, comedies and historical plays. Both family warfare and tensions between the ancient British kingdom and its Roman colonizers are at work in the story. Things are set in motion when young lovers plan for a power match.

The bride, Imogen, (Chaon Cross) not only is a sparkling beauty but also an actress of tremendous presence with the feel for the roll in drive, language and action. Chaon Cross drives this production. The groom is the shallow Postumus (Joe Sikora). This relationship crosses her overbearing mother and henpecked father King Cymbeline played by (Shanesia Davis) and (Larry Yando). The Queen wants Imogen to marry her not so nice son Cloten (Brian Sillis). His performance is hilarious. Other characters have various turns in the tale of darkness and bright light.

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre is at Navy Pier. The box office number is 312-595-5600. The production runs through November 11. Tickets are \$54-\$70. It is well worth it. Navy Pier is accessible to public transportation. There is reduced parking for theatre patrons.

## Reduced Shakespeare Co. plays at Royal George Theatre

Reduced Shakespeare Co. plays 'Complete Hollywood (abridged)' and 'The Bible; The Complete Word of God (abridged)' at Royal George Theatre with previews beginning October 2 and running through December 2. It is the Chicago premiere of the two side splitting comedies. The Reduced

Shakespeare Co. explores the wonderful, wacky world of movies in the first play. The second play is an irreverent roller coaster ride from fig leaves to final judgement and nothing is sacred.

The Reduced Shakespeare Co. is a three-man comedy troupe known for taking long serious subjects and reducing them into short sharp comedies. They have performed on TV and in 42 states and 17 countries.

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## Orland Park Theatre Troupe Presents Classic Mystery Thriller

George M. Cohan's "Seven Keys to Baldpate" Chosen for Autumn Production

ORLAND PARK - The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe has chosen a mystery thriller for its fall production, bringing an American theater classic to the stage. "Seven Keys to Baldpate," first produced by America's "Yankee Doodle Dandy," George M. Cohan, is based on a story by Charlie Chan creator Earl Derr Biggers.

A writer who must complete his latest novel in 24 hours in order to win a bet thinks he's found the perfect place to work in a remote country inn. He soon finds himself caught up in a bizarre scheme of deception, missing money and murder that out does any book's plot.

"This is a fast paced story with murder, mayhem, embezzlement, theft and an unexpected surprise ending."

said Frann Camivale-Sidlow, resident producer/director for the village's theater program.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" was first filmed in 1916 and has been remade seven times, most recently as *House of the Long Shadows* in 1983, starring Vincent Price.

Mike Furmanek of Orland Park plays the writer, Magee. Other Orland Park residents in the show include Andy Earhart, Polly Rutherford-Serpe, Brent Sapit, Jim Sharp and Rich Struzik. The cast also includes Ashley Miletich (Palos Hills), Alice Trull (Bedford Park), Randy Trull (Bedford Park) and Jan Wittenmeyer (Oak Forest). Jim Mazeika, of Oak Lawn, is the assistant director and also appears in the show. Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene

## Dolly's back in town

by Marijo Doody

On the heels of the warm-spirited "Cats", Theatre at the Center (TAC) year-around theater continues its 2007 season with 'Hello Dolly.' The production stars Chicago's first rate team of Paula Scrafano and John Reeger, real life husband and wife, as Dolly Gallagher Levi and Horace Vandergelder.

TAC's production is directed by Special Jeff Award Winner, William Pullinsi and choreographed by very talented Stacey Flester. The show is full of positive energy letting adventure into one's life.

Scrafano portrayal of Dolly is a person with intelligence, energy and lonely. She brings joy into other people's lives and finds it lacking in hers. Vandergelder starts off rich, mean and friendless but senses something missing. Dolly tells him 'I'm going to teach you to dance' meaning connect with people. Their presentations are as real people and the audience is delighted when they find each other.

The show has many memorable song and dance numbers. The title song 'Hello Dolly' heads the list that also includes 'It Only Takes a Moment', 'Elegance', 'Before the Parade Passes By', 'The Waiters Gallop' and 'The Polka Contest.' The latter four are great dance numbers. Hooray for Stacey! They were grand!

Performances by Scrafano and Reeger were stellar and it's worth a trip to see this couple perform. Joining them in the cast with excellent singing and dance are Cory Goodrich, Ed Kross, Zach Zube and Dara Cameron.

Set design is by Jack Magaw, lighting by Denise Karczewski, costumes by Brenda Winsted which are spectacular. Musical Director is Bill Underwood.

TAC's production 'Hello Dolly' runs through October 21. Regular schedule is Wed/Thurs at 2pm, Fri/Sat at 8pm and Sun at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$36-\$39. The box office number is 219-836-3255. TAC is located at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1046 Ridge Rd, Munster. It is off I80/94 at Calumet Ave exit.

Buikema is the show's executive producer.

Performances in the Jane Bames Annex of the Orland Park Center will be Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20 at 8:00 p.m. with a Sunday matinee on October 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Advance tickets are available at the Franklin

Loebe Recreation Center, 14650. South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

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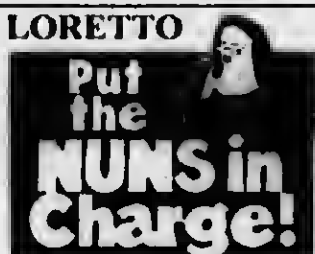
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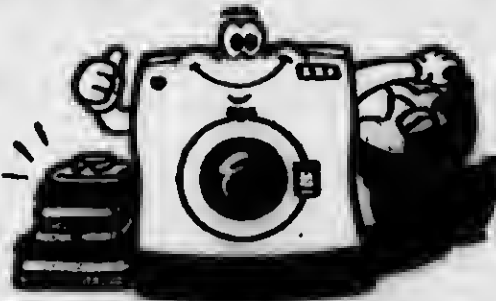
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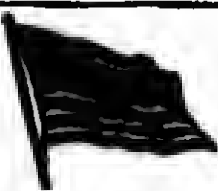




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Susan Martin's Yard -  
First Place



Lora Lee Gollen -  
Second Place



Susan Miller -  
Third Place

### Village of Orland Park Announces 2007 Garden Contest Winners

The Village of Orland Park is pleased to announce the winners of the Ninth Annual Garden Contest. The contest is open to amateur gardeners who are residents of detached, single-family homes within the corporate limits of Orland Park.

Susan Martin's garden has been chosen to receive the First Place Award. Her garden is filled with beautiful flower beds in natural settings and seasonal yard ornaments, including old iron wheels of various sizes used as fencing to define separate areas of the property.

Lora Lee Gollen's garden has been chosen to receive the Second Place Award. Lora Lee's garden is beautifully manicured and filled with a variety of colorful plants and flowers. Interesting and well-placed yard decorations add to the overall look of her garden.

Third Place Award will be presented to Susan Miller. Colorful flowers and natural

plants border a large built-in swimming pool. The yard also has separate seating areas and flower gardens decorated with birdhouses and rustic decorations to hold potted plants.

Honorable Mention awards will be presented to Mary and Allan McDonald for "Best Use of Color and Texture," Linda and Rick Bos for "Best Use of Landscaping in a Natural Setting," Helen and Jack Fishery for "Best Use of Variety of Plants and Ornamentation," Barbara and Lou DeSantis for "Best Container Garden," and Arnold Gacki for "Best Overall Maintained Garden."

Village Trustee Brad O'Halloran initiated the Garden Contest in 1999 to recognize Orland Park residents for their work in beautifying and maintaining their property. Trustee O'Halloran stated, "There are so many outstanding gardens in Orland Park

planted and maintained by our residents. We're proud to recognize these gardeners for the beautiful and talented work they have done on their property. I encourage more residents to enter the contest each year," he added.

Gardens were judged on overall appearance and maintenance, use of color, texture and active plants, variety and combination of plants and flowers, suitability of plants and landscaping and special or unique features. Judges included Master Gardeners Judith Jacobs and Elaine Holdeman, Ron Melton of Jim Melton Landscaping and Garden Center and Patty Vlasny, Village of Orland Park Media/Special Events Manager.

Awards will be presented to the winners at the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7 p.m.

### Tinley Park Library News

**Big Read: CSI: Tinley Park**

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting CSI: Tinley Park on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00pm. Children ages 8-11 are invited to hear a detective from the Tinley Park police department speak about crime scene investigation techniques. Registration begins Tuesday, September 4.

**Big Read: Mystery authors Julie Hyzy and Michael Black**

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting mystery authors Julie Hyzy and Michael Black on Monday, October 8 at 7:00pm. Ms. Hyzy and Mr. Black will discuss their work of Dashiell Hammett and how it has affected their own writing as authors.

**Big Read: Enter Hans in Concert**

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting pianist Enter Hans on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00pm. Mr. Hans, an acclaimed musician, will perform a special concert to fit in with our main theme. Registration begins October 8.

**Big Read: Kyratir Speaker John Rivers**

John Rivers, grandnephew of Dashiell Hammett, will present *Conversations about Dashiell* on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18301 S. Harlem Avenue, Tinley Park. Learn of the history and cultural relevance of *The Maltese Falcon* and its aftermath.

The above events are part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, in a partnership with the League of Libraries and Library Services and Arts Midwest. For details, please call 708.532.0160 (person services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

### Lemony Snicket Joins Civic Orchestra of Chicago in Symphony Center's Sixth Annual Halloween Family Program

"Hallowed Haunts"

Author of the popular *A Series of Unfortunate Events* books narrates the orchestral whodunk entitled *The Composer Is Dead*.

For the sixth consecutive year, Symphony Center will host "Hallowed Haunts"—a special Halloween concert for families featuring the Civic Orchestra of Chicago—on Saturday, October 27 at 3 p.m. World-famous author Lemony Snicket narrates as conductor Edwin Outwater leads the Civic Orchestra in *The Composer Is Dead*, a murder mystery designed to introduce young listeners to the instruments of the orchestra written by Mr. Snicket and composer Nathaniel Smetkey.

Orchestra Hall will transform itself into a giant haunted house for the event. The annual "Hallowed Haunts" pre-concert festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. in Granger Ballroom, with Halloween games and crafts for children. All patrons, young and old, are encouraged to come dressed in costumes for trick-or-treating. This concert is recommended for ages 5 and up, and youngsters who are 5 to 17 years old are eligible for special pricing.

*The Composer Is Dead*, created in 2006 by Lemony Snicket and Nathaniel Smetkey, was commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. Conductor Edwin Outwater led the world premiere of the work in July 2006 with Mr. Snicket narrating. The

whodunk murder mystery provides an entertaining introduction to the instruments of the orchestra, in the vein of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* and Brinn's *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*. The work opens with a dead composer, and all the sections of the orchestra are subsequently questioned as to who committed the crime. An unnamed inspector interrogates each group of players, providing an opportunity to point a musical spotlight across the entire ensemble.

Lemony Snicket's published accounts of the Baudelaire orphans in *A Series of Unfortunate Events* have now sold more than 55 million copies worldwide in 39 languages, or possibly vice versa; the first three books in the series formed the basis for the 2004 hit film *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*. His unique wit and wisdom are collected in *Horewardish: Bitter Truths You Can't Avoid*. Mr. Snicket is represented in all legal, literary, and social matters by Daniel Handler, who has also written three novels for adults, *The BFG*, *Matilda*, and *Adverbs*. HarperCollins will publish *The Composer Is Dead* as a picture book with CD, with illustrations by acclaimed artist Emma Ellis.

Tickets: \$13-\$46. Special kids tickets for children 17 and under: \$8-\$34. Tickets can be purchased by calling CSO Ticketing at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604. Box Office and CSO Ticketing hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For group rates, please call 312-294-3040. Artists, programs, and ticket prices are subject to change.

### Oak Forest approves insurance cooperative

By  
Matt Meyer

The city council approved a request at the Sept. 25 Oak Forest City Council meeting for the city to join the Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency (MICA) as well as a request from Todd's Auto Rebuilders for the final approval of a special use permit to operate and maintain an auto body repair business at 15232 Oak Park Avenue. A resolution supporting a class B property tax incentive for IN-Print Graphics at 4201 W. 164th Street was also approved.

A public works department request to purchase a wood chipper machine from Vermeer Machine for \$30,200 was approved as well as a proclamation acknowledging the retirement of police department Lieutenant Nicholas Spancio, Sr. for 35 years of service to the city. The week of October 7-13 was proclaimed Fire Prevention Week.

### Energy Assistance Fair Returns to Orland Park

Orland Park's Office of Special Services will hold an Energy Assistance Fair on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Orland Park Civic Center, the William H. Vogel Memorial, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., area residents will be able to meet with representatives from ComEd, Nicor and CEDA. The Orland Park Civic Center is located at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information and to find out what paperwork to bring, area residents can call Special Services at 708/405-6188.

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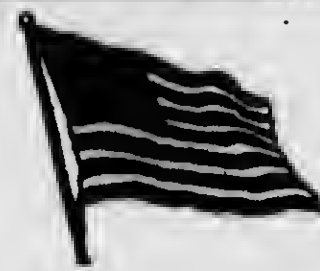
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### Chicago Ridge approves group home

By Matt Mayer

Victoria Venuso, a registered nurse, addressed the village board at the Sept. 18 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting regarding the establishment of a group home at 10855 S. Moody Avenue. The home, which will provide a normal environment, is slated to be a temporary shelter for children with developmental disabilities. There will be one trained registered staff member for every two children around the clock and will be licensed by DCFS, DHF and State Public Health department. The home has four bedrooms and will accommodate a maximum of

8 children. Venuso, who has years of experience working with children with developmental disabilities, has seen a need for such a home where small children may stay when their parents are on vacation, hospitalized, or need a break, etc. The board approved the home subject to the receipt of all licenses.

Other highlights: The board approved a multi family residential licensing ordinance as well as a petition request for the extension of hours for a no right turn sign on 110th Street and Central Avenue. The new hours will now be from 3 to 8 p.m. A request from Our Lady of the Ridge Knights of Columbus to hold their Tootsie Roll Drive on Sep. 21 and 22 on Ridgeland Avenue at the 95th and 111th street intersections was also approved.

### Moraine Valley Raises Tuition to Help Offset Rising Costs, Reduced State Funding

Tuition for the spring 2008 semester will increase by \$2 per credit hour after the Board of Trustees approved the increase at its regular meeting September 20. The new rate will be \$69 per credit hour. Fees will remain the same, bringing the total rate for tuition and fees to \$74 per credit hour, still below the state and area averages for community colleges.

A student taking 12 credit hours in the spring, for example, will pay an additional \$24 in tuition and fees compared to this year.

"This was not an easy decision," said Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president. "We thought long and hard about this and its impact on students, but we have no

choice."

The college expects to receive approximately \$300,000 in additional revenue from the increase to partially offset the reduction in funding from the state.

Moraine Valley's tuition still will be about in the middle of all 39 Illinois community colleges districts. In the suburban area, Moraine Valley is still among the lowest. Tuition per credit hour with fees at some other colleges for 2007-08 academic year are Harper College-\$103.85 per hour; South Suburban College-\$103.75; College of DuPage-\$103; Elgin Community College-\$91.50; Oakton College-\$84.60; Prairie State College-\$82; and Joliet Junior College-\$76.

"Moraine Valley continues to be an excellent value for students seeking an associate's degree or certificate, especially when you compare our tuition to four-year private and public colleges and universities and to proprietary institutions. Our graduates also tell us that in surveys," Dr. Crawley said.

### Worth continues to look into red light cameras

By Matt Mayer

Greg Zito, a representative from Lombard based Redspeed Illinois, gave a power point presentation at the Sept. 18 Worth Board of Trustees meeting regarding their red light cameras. This follows a presentation by Don Nelson, regional sales manager for Scottsdale Arizona based Traffic Systems, at the Sept. 4 meeting. Both companies are competing for the contract and essentially offer the same services.

A red light violation is considered a non-moving violation due to the inability to identify the driver. The camera only takes a picture of the rear of the vehicle and the license plate. The fine is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle and there is no court appearance required. The fine is in the vicinity of \$90, however it's up to each municipality to set the exact amount. Police Chief Carpino believes the cameras should be placed at the following intersections: Southwest Highway and 111th, Harlem Avenue and 111th street, and 105th Street and Oak Park Avenue. Redspeed is the exclusive provider of red light cameras in the United Kingdom, Zito said. The village will continue to evaluate which company would serve the village best and additional discussion regarding this matter is expected at the next meeting on Oct 2.

### What's Happening at The Center

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Haunted Farm, on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, at the Children's Farm at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Nearly 200 volunteers dress as ghouls, ghosts, witches, bats, cats, and zombies, to scare the 1800 visitors who tour through the Haunted Barn and travel across the farm fields by hayride to the cemetery and giant maze in the Haunted Forest. Along the way, the visitors are treated to Spider Cider from the witches cackling around a large black cauldron, and to scary tales by the storyteller's fire.

According to Center program director Lois Lauer, the Haunted Farm is wholesome family fun; not terrorizing, but scary because it is dark, and full of spooky surprises. Therefore, Lauer recommends the event for children age 8 and older, and reminds visitors that all

children and teens need to be accompanied by adults. Advance tickets are required and cost \$11 per person. Tickets are available at The Center lodge, on the west side of 12700 Southwest Highway. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

A scarecrow-building class for families will be hosted at the Children's Farm on Sunday, October 14 from 1 pm to 3 pm. The Children's Farm is located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Families with children of any age are invited to make a family scarecrow and enjoy a hayride through the pumpkin patch. According to Center program director Lois Lauer, "The scarecrow class is one of our monthly Family Art Workshops which focus on fun, creativity, and cooperative family effort." The children will learn to use

hand saws and hand drills in making a frame for their scarecrow. The class fee is \$20 per family. Advance reservations are required.

For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

Bratwurst and polkas will highlight an Octoberfest program and luncheon at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, on Tuesday, October 16.

Accordionist Joyce Anders of Palos Park will entertain the crowd with German songs and polkas, including some sing-a-long numbers. The program will follow an Octoberfest bratwurst luncheon.

The luncheon begins at 12 noon, cost \$14 per person, and requires advance reservations. The 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. program will follow the luncheon. For reservations and further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

### Park Lawn Players Perform

On October 3, the Park Lawn Players will forget about their developmental disabilities when they show off their abilities to act, sing and dance during their tribute to the great town of Chicago.

They have been practicing since April to songs like "Chicago Breakdown", "Southside Irish", "Emperor Waltz", "All That Jazz" and fifteen more songs that celebrate the capabilities Chicago and individuals with developmental disabilities offer.

The Park Lawn Players is comprised of 40 individuals with mild forms of developmental disabilities. All of the Players were eager to begin their first performance in 2004 and the anticipation for the event has grown since then. Each participant is provided a CD with all of the songs to perform and memorize the words. Sometimes the performers lip sync, but the majority of the time, they can be heard over the original



singer. A skit to honor the dancing arts of Chicago will be performed and beards will be worn when ZZ Top performs their famous, "Jesus Just Left Chicago".

Debbie Alba, one of the founders of the Park Lawn Players and counselor at Park Lawn, participated in theater at Moraine Valley Community College. After volunteering for Park Lawn, she knew that her friends at Park Lawn would love to be on stage to perform. In just three years, the Park Lawn Players have risen to a packed 600 seat auditorium at Moraine Valley Theater.

Everyone is invited to this inspiring event on

Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at Dorothy Menker Theatre, located at the Moraine Valley Community College Campus and tickets can be purchased at the door. The doors open at 6:00 PM and the performance begins at 6:30 PM. The proceeds for this event benefit future Park Lawn Player theatrical performances and ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities live a better quality life.

People interested in attending or have any questions can contact Debbie Alba at 708-425-7377 or stop by the Park Lawn Workshop at 5040 W. 111th Street, Oak Lawn, IL.



## Evergreen Park High School Reunion for class of 1972

Evergreen Park High School Class of 1972 will hold their 35<sup>th</sup> year reunion on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at American Legion Hall at 9701 S Kedzie, Evergreen Park at 6:30pm for \$30 per person including dinner, dessert and music with a cash bar.

Make checks payable to EP72-Class reunion to Evergreen Community Bank, 3842 W 95<sup>th</sup> St. For information call Andy at

## St Laurence HS Mother's Club craft fair

The St Laurence HS Mother's Club is hosting a 'Shop Til You Drop' Craft Fair on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2007 from 9am to 4pm. The craft fair is in the school cafeteria, which is located in the north end of the building. Admission is free.

St Laurence High School is located at 5556 W 77<sup>th</sup> st in Burbank. For more information on Mother's Club craft fair please contact Gloria Garcia (773-586-0945) or Gail Ropa (708-388-4031).

## Mt. Assisi holds Shadow Days

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, will be hosting two Special Shadow Days for junior high girls in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 5 and Monday, December 10. Parents of interested students must call the Recruitment Office to schedule a visit.

Registration will close once all spaces have been filled. Students will also need to bring a signed permission slip form on the day of their visit. Detailed information regarding Shadow Day guidelines can be found on the admissions page of Mount Assisi's website at [www.mtassisiacademy.org](http://www.mtassisiacademy.org)

To schedule a Shadow Day visit, please call Stephanie Iannotta at (630) 257-7844.



## Ringling Bros. And Barnum Bailey comes to Chicago

Bellobration, the latest edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum Bailey is scheduled to appear November 1-11, 2007 at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL and Nov 13-25, 2007 at Chicago's United Center. It is a modern celebration of circus tradition so spectacular and innovative it could only have been imagined by The greatest Show on Earth.

The show features comic daredevil Bello and tickets go on sale Friday, October 5. The show captivates audiences with jawdropping stunts, high wire high jinx, adrenaline-pounding trapeze, amazing animals, an electrifying story line and the latest 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology. One step into the arena and audiences are immediately transported to a magical world of lights, colors and contemporary music.

Audiences are invited to arrive one hour before the show for an interactive All Access Pre-show free to ticket holders. Here children of all ages can learn circus skills, become Circus Fit, meet the performers and get an up-close look at the animal stars of The Greatest Show on Earth.

Tickets are available at Allstate Arena Box office, 6920 N. Mannheim Rd, Rosemont. For group tickets call 847-891-8916 (Allstate). The United Center box office is 1901 W Madison, Chicago. For group tickets call 312-455-7469. Tickets can be purchased on Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212. Ticket prices are \$13-\$24.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hey John, we would really like to take the time to thank you for doing such a good job on picking up all the trash people throw on the grass and walkways at the Oak Lawn Pavilion Park. It is a pleasure to walk through there and see how nice and clean the park is taken care of, thanks to guys like you, that work hard every day to keep the park clean for people to enjoy.

Keep up the good work and

please don't ever quit your job there, we need guys like you around.

Thanks,  
Margaret Seiders-Metz  
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## Sheriff attends cops and robbers fishing event

Thomas J. Dart with dozens of employees from the Sheriff's Office participated in the first annual 'Cops and Robbers Fishing Event' earlier this summer at Tampier Lake in the Cook County Forest Preserve. In a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago, employees from the sheriff's Office volunteered to be a 'Big for a Day' by fishing with children who were currently on the waiting list for a mentor.

For more information on becoming a mentor, visit the Big brothers Big sisters of Metropolitan Chicago website at [www.bbbschgo.org](http://www.bbbschgo.org).

## Dinner at Shula's Steak House

by Annette Dixon

A friend and I made plans for a downtown dinner, although I had no idea what was in store for me. I wanted to get together with her, so dinner seemed to be as good an idea for a get together as any other.

It is embarrassing to admit that I thought that Don Shula must be a famous chef. Instead, it seems that he was Coach of the Miami Dolphins. That said, however, he certainly knows how to find a chef. He also knows how to create a semiformal though friendly ambience in his restaurant in the Sheraton Towers in downtown Chicago. In addition, Mr. Shula knows how to find waitpersons who are friendly and helpful without being at all intrusive.

The waitperson instructed us as to the cuts of the steak and also the size of the steaks. Since it is a

steak house, I cleverly ordered the twelve-ounce filet mignon, steamed asparagus, twice baked potato and mushrooms.

I was delighted with my choice until I saw my companion's dinner. She had ordered the lamb chops (they were gigantic and beautifully browned), and steamed asparagus, and salad of spinach leaves, tomatoes and chopped up mozzarella. She insisted that I try it and it was really very good; still, I do love my Caesar salads.

Although her lamb chops looked and smelled wonderful, I must confess that I could find no fault with my steak. It was tender and flavorful.

When asked if I wanted desert, well, I do love my deserts. My friend suggested cheese cake and I was disappointed, at first, when I saw it; it just didn't look like any big deal. Then, I tasted it. Sheer Heaven!

Valet parking is only \$11 at Shula's 301 East North Water Street For dining experience, call 312-670-7088.

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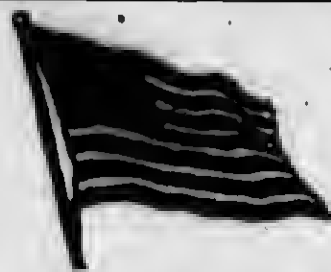
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### Village of Midlothian hosts senior luncheon

All seniors are invited to the Village of Midlothian's next Senior Luncheon on Friday, October 12, 2007, at Raday Lodge, 145th and Kedzie, in Midlothian. Doors open at 10 AM and lunch is served at 11 AM. Lunch includes entree, beverage, dessert, and a chance to win the table centerpiece. Entertainment and bingo follow lunch for a fun-filled afternoon.

Tickets are \$7 and can be obtained at Village Hall, 14801 Pulaski, Midlothian, and are required in advance. Nurses from Oak Forest Hospital will be performing free blood pressure checks.

For further information, please call 389-0200 or 389-1080. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

### Lipinski Praises Largest College Aid Expansion In Six Decades

New Law Boosts Scholarships and Reduces Loan and Tuition Costs for Middle Class Families

Today, Representative Dan Lipinski (D-IL) applauded the largest federal investment in college financial aid since the GI Bill of 1944. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, H.R. 2669, was signed into law this morning by President Bush. The final version of the bill, passed by both the House and the Senate on September 7, provides students with more than \$20 billion in financial aid over the next five years while imposing no new costs on taxpayers. "As a former college professor I know how criti-



Picture of speckled Asiatic "Halloween," to be offered at the sale.

### Lily Society To Hold Bulb Sale Oct 20-21 At Chicago Botanic Garden

The annual Fall Bulb Sale of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society will be open to the public at the Chicago Botanic Garden from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 20, and from 10:00 AM till all the bulbs are sold on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The Society will offer a wide variety of true lily bulbs, ranging from rare early blooming Martagon and Species lilies to mid-Summer flowering Asiatics, Trumpets and LA Hybrids, to late blooming Orientals and giant Orienpets.

All bulbs will be available at modest prices, due to the organization's special relationships with some of the nation's top lily hybridizers. The wide range of lilies offered will give purchasers a chance to have their gardens ablaze with lilies all Summer long.

The mission of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society, an affiliate of the North American Lily Society, is to further the knowledge and propagation of true lilies.

cal a college education is and I understand how expensive it has become, loading down students and their families with large debts coming out of college," said Rep. Lipinski. "This new law will provide significant help in making college more affordable for millions of students and families. I am proud to have played a role in accomplishing this victory for middle class families." The College Cost Reduction and Access Act raises the Pell Grant scholarship value by at least \$1,090 over the next five years, ultimately reaching a maximum scholarship of at least \$5,400 by 2012. This new aid will benefit roughly 230,000 students in Illinois. The bill also will cut interest rates in half on need-based student loans over the next four years, from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent, saving every Illinois student approximately \$4,500 over the

life of their loans. In addition, the bill will provide tuition assistance for excellent undergraduate students who are going into teaching, and it will provide loan forgiveness for college students who go into public service professions. The legislation will be funded by cutting excess subsidies paid by the federal government to lenders in the student loan industry thus preventing any new costs from being imposed on taxpayers. "Making college more affordable is particularly important at a time when the costs of attending college continue to skyrocket," said Rep. Lipinski. "This new law will make a real difference in the lives of millions of students and their families. I will continue to work to ensure that financial barriers do not prevent any qualified student from pursuing higher education."

### Alsip Approves Village Hall Roof Replacement

By Matt Mayer

The village board at the Sept. 17 Alsip Board of Trustees meeting approved a contract with Plate Installation for \$128,000 for the replacement of the village hall roof. A three-year contract with Cimco Communications, Inc. was also approved.

Other highlights: An ordinance changing the verbiage of a chapter and article of municipal code pertaining to Vehicle Noise Prohibition and Penalty was approved as well as ordinance for the Disposal of Personal Property by Public Auction. A resolution request for the authorization of Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Appeals was also approved.

The board approved a request from Mary Schmidt of the Alsip Chamber of Commerce for the placement of plastic ground signs around the village announcing the 21st annual auction to be held on Tuesday October 16 at the Greater Chicago Auto Auction at 121st and Central Avenue as well as the placement of signs in front of the auction from October 9 - 16. A request for the waiver of associated fees was also approved.

A request to add a Serious Mental Health Treatment benefit to the village employee health insurance program as recommended by Tom English of Boyle Flag and Seaman, Inc was approved as well as a request to retain Sheila Klinker as a part time custodial worker at Heritage 11, at a salary of \$10.50 per hour.



Mayor Don De Graff (center right) and Trustee Larry De Young (center left) and their spouses enjoyed a CommUNITY Dinner hosted at John and Yvette Alexander's (left of Mayor De Graff) home last October

### Village of South Holland Celebrates CommUNITY Dinners

The Village of South Holland will celebrate its seventh annual CommUNITY Dinners, the annual Diversity Dinners event, on October 13, 2007, beginning at 6:00pm. Residents will gather together for an evening of great food, fellowship and stimulating dialogue. The event, organized by the South Holland Communications Commission, encourages residents of South Holland to build lasting relationships.

Many small dinner parties will be held in residents' homes for groups of six to eight in celebration of the unity that characterizes and enriches the community. The goal of CommUNITY Dinners is to promote positive discussions, break down barriers and cultivate new relationships among residents.

"Our CommUNITY Dinners provide an excellent

opportunity for the Village of South Holland to encourage fellowship and to lay a foundation for our residents to form lasting friendships," said Mayor Don A. De Graff. "This event has been very successful in our village, and we will continue to build upon this worthwhile endeavor."

Since its inception, South Holland has attracted nearly 1,000 participants for this engaging event, including residents, village and school officials, church and business leaders, and village employees. "Many village residents have been touched by this annual event in very meaningful ways," said Patrice Kamstra, chairwoman of the Community Dinners Planning Committee. "It is my hope that the Village of South Holland will continue to provide this format for residents to experience a deeper connection with neighbors and the community."

For more information, or to sign up to host or attend a dinner, contact the Village of South Holland at 708-210-2918 or [mthornton@southholland.org](mailto:mthornton@southholland.org).

### Halloween Dance, October 27th

Blue Island Eagles Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Halloween Dance at 7:00 p.m. October 27th, at the Eagles Hall 2427 W Grove St., Blue Island. Phone 708-388-9739 Entrance fee at the door \$20.00 Music, Open Bar, Snacks and Prizes for 1st and 2nd on costumes.





## CJB Alumni Take Center Stage at Catholic High School Forum

Ryan Arciero and Sarah Eisenberg had the home court advantage on Thursday, Sept. 13 at a Catholic High School forum sponsored by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School (CJB). Both Ryan and Sarah are 2005 graduates of CJB and are currently juniors at Providence Catholic High School (PCHS) in New Lenox. As members of the PCHS Student Ambassador Club, they were asked to attend the event and talk to prospective high school students about their Providence experience.

This is the second year in a row that CJB has hosted such an event. In addition to Providence, eleven other Catholic high schools were represented - Brother Rice, Marian Catholic, Marist, Mother McAuley, Mt. Assisi, Mt. Carmel, Queen of Peace, Seton Academy, St. Ignatius, St. Lawrence and St. Rita. It was a wonderful opportunity for families interested in Catholic secondary education to "one-stop shop" and obtain information about all of these outstanding schools.

Ryan and Sarah are just two of Cardinal Bernardin School's many storied alumni. As a student at CJB, Ryan wrote for the school newspaper, served on Student Council, played on the boys' volleyball team, performed in the school plays and competed with the Math Club. Sarah was equally energetic, participating in Student Council, singing in the school choir, and shooting hoops for the girls' basketball team. Both Ryan and Sarah were fantastic role models to their fellow classmates as well as the younger children.

At Providence Catholic, these two young people have continued their vigorous involvement in student life. Both are members of Habitat for Humanity and the Augustinian Youth Ministry (AYM), the largest student organization at the school. Ryan also writes articles for "Proviscope," the Providence student newspaper, serves as an aide for the Guidance Department and tutors fellow students in a Peer Tutoring Program. Sarah runs cross country and sings in the school choir. Both are honor roll students as well.

It would be next to impossible to squeeze anything else into a busy teenager's schedule, yet these two highly motivated kids also find the time to volunteer in their parishes. Ryan serves as a liturgical minister at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park, as both a lector and an altar server. Sarah, a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills, teaches 3rd grade Religious Education, works as a receptionist at the church office and is an active member of Branches, the Seton youth group.

What next for these two smart, talented and ambitious teens? If the past and present are any indication, their future possibilities are endless.

## Chicago Genealogical Society in November

Jack Simpson and Ginger Freer from the Newberry Library will discuss the Chicago Genealogical Related Mapping Project. This is a great opportunity to learn the benefits of this project and the use of its software. Everyone is welcome and urged to bring a friend. The Newberry Library is located at 60 West. Walton Street [at Clark] in Chicago, IL. The event is Saturday November 3, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. Or look at the website for more information [www.chicagogenealogy.org](http://www.chicagogenealogy.org).

## Things To Do At Oak Forest Park District

### TEEN OPEN BASKETBALL

On Mondays at Arbor Park School, 173rd & Central Ave., the Oak Forest Park District is

offering High School Open Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 for res./\$5.00 non-res. Bring your ID & basketball. Program is cancelled when school is closed.

### CHICAGO BULLS SKILLS CAMP

The Chicago Bulls will be having a basketball camp at the Oak Forest Park District and you're invited! The cost is \$85.00 per child for Kindergarten through 8th grade. Camp runs Oct. 4 - Oct. 25. Class is 5:00-6:30 p.m. for K-3 and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for grades 4-8. You can register at the Oak Forest Park District, 15601 S. Central Ave.

### OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT WARRIOR WRESTLING REGISTRATION

The Oak Forest Park District Warrior Wrestling will be accepting registration on Tuesday, October 9 and Wednesday, October 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Central Park Building, 15601 S. Central Ave. for ages 6-14 years. Fees are as follows: \$70.00 for the first family member and \$50.00 for additional family members - a separate IKWF fee of \$35.00 is also due for each wrestler. Uniforms and warm-ups are provided, however, wrestlers must purchase headgear and wrestling shoes are recommended. First year wrestlers must leave a copy of their birth certificate.

### LEARN TO BOWL

Let's bowl! Children ages 4-7 years will start to learn the basics of bowling through the Oak Forest Park District. Footwork, throwing the ball and the most important skill, having fun with friends will be taught. The cost is \$31.00 res./\$41.00 non-res. and includes instruction, one game, shoes and ball usage. Class meets on Fridays 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Oak Forest Bowl. Class will be Oct. 12 - Nov. 2.

### ADULT DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Get a team of six people, at least two must be women and register for the Oak Forest Park District's for their 1st ever Adult Dodgeball Tournament. Teams can register at the Central Park Building, 15601 S. Central Ave. by the deadline of Noon, October 19th. The cost is \$48.00 per team with cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Tournament will start at 6:00 p.m.

### BASKETBALL CAMP

Boys and girls 7 - 12 years can learn the fundamentals of basketball through drills and games at the Oak Forest Park District, 15601 S. Central Ave. The basketball camp will be held on Sundays, Oct. 28 - Nov. 18. Times are 8:45 - 10:30 a.m. for 7-9 years and 10:45 - 12:30 p.m. for 10-12 years. Cost is \$35.00 res./\$46.00 non-res.

### OPEN GYM FOR KIDS

Open gym time for adults to choose play of basketball, balls, slides, tunnels and more with their 1-5 year olds. Dress in comfortable clothing and wear clean gym shoes. You may register for all 6 weeks \$30.00 res./\$36.00 non-res. or pay \$9.00 res./\$11.00 non-res. at the door; for adults and children ages 1-5 years starting Monday, November 12th. For more information on the above programs, call Stephanie at 687-7270 ext. 18.

## Autumn Harvest Fest Big On Fall Fun

### Wisconsin Dells Announces Line-up for Autumn Harvest Fest & Wisconsin Dells on Tap

Wisconsin Dells' Autumn Harvest Fest will celebrate its 10th year on October 13 & 14, 2007. The festival features a fall bounty of family-friendly activities including pumpkin decorating, scarecrow stuffing, arts and crafts shopping, a farmer's market, plus hay and pony rides. Oh yes, there will be bands. Swing Crew, a local favorite whose music moves from swing to island beat, will entertain Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., and the Celtic musical group Rising Gael will perform Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One of Saturday's highlights is Wisconsin Dells on Tap, a micro-brew tasting that happens from noon to 5 p.m. under a huge tent. This year, 29 microbreweries from around the state will be showcased; each serving up samples of their signature and seasonal elixirs. Festival goers will have a chance to sample, and even vote for, their favorite brews.

Autumn Harvest Fest runs Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the festival is free. Wisconsin Dells on Tap tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. For more details, simply log on to [wisdells.com](http://wisdells.com) or call 800.223.3557. The event is conveniently located on La Crosse Street, two blocks south of Broadway in the heart of downtown Wisconsin Dells.

## Orland Park To Host Auditions for "A Carol for Tiny Tim"

The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe has announced auditions for its holiday show, "A Carol for Tiny Tim." Try outs will be held Sunday, October 7 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 9 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Orland Park Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue.

Readings will be from the script and auditions are open to those age ten and older. Rehearsals will be held Monday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons, October 22 to December 6. Performances are December 7, 8 and 9 at the Orland Park Civic Center. Once cast, participants must pay a registration fee. For more information, call Executive Producer Irene Buikema at 708/403-PARK.

## Octoberfeast Luncheon

Calling on all seniors! Come and join us for a sit down Roast Pork and Bratwurst with Kraut Luncheon, Parsley Potatoes, Glazed Carrots and much more. Live Entertainment will also be provided for everyone. This is a event you sure don't want to miss. The Luncheon will be on Monday, October 29, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at the Orland Hills Community Center at 16553 South Haven Ave, Orland Hills, IL. The price of the Luncheon is Senior Club Members \$8.00 and for Nonmembers cost is \$11.00. Registration ends October 15, 2007. For more information call 708-349-7211.

## Animal Communication

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting an Animal Communication workshop given by Ms. Cindy Magnuson on Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00pm. Ms. Magnuson has spoken many times at the library in the past and is a certified healer. Registration begins Monday, October 1. For details, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

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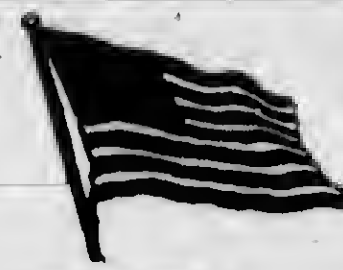
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### EV PK Honors Sr. Mary Joseph Casey

By  
Matt Mayer

At the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor James Sexton presented Sr. Mary Joseph Casey with a proclamation honoring her sixty years of service with Little Company of Mary hospital. Sexton complimented Sr. Casey on all the wonderful work she had done at the hospital. "We are so proud of you and so happy you chose Evergreen Park to be your home and that Little Company of Mary hospital chose Evergreen Park as well," Sexton said. There will be a mass honoring Sr. Casey at Little Company of Mary chapel on October 14. Information may be obtained by calling the hospital at 422-6700.

Other highlights: The board approved levying taxes for the library for the fiscal year which runs from January 1, 2007 to December 3, 2007 for \$838,063.000, an increase of 3.5 percent over last year.



Mother McAuley's theatre classes will be hosting the annual Not-So-Haunted-House for children pre-school thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade on October 30.

### A Not-So-Haunted House at Mother McAuley

Mother McAuley's annual Not-So-Haunted House, a Halloween alternative for young children will be held on Tuesday October 30, 2007 from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

This year's theme is Celebrating the Magic of Halloween Fun and Fantasy and will offer a wide variety of creative mini-plays, games, face painting, puppet shows and Halloween activities for children pre-school thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Children may come in costume and join in the Halloween fun. Candy treats are given to each participant.

The Not-So-Haunted-House will be presented by members of McAuley's Thespian Troupe #443 of the International Thespian Society, Freshman Acting, Children's Theatre and Play Production students.

Admission is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult. No reservations are needed. Please enter at the Mother McAuley Auditorium 3737 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago

For more information, contact the McAuley Theater Department at 773-881-6512.

### "Come Sail Away" ~ a Fabulous Fashion Voyage on the SS Crusader is theme of Brother Rice Mothers' Club Fashion Show

On Sunday, November 11, the Brother Rice Mothers' Club will roll out the red carpet as you climb aboard for their Annual Fashion Show, "Come Sail Away ~ A Fabulous Fashion Voyage on the SS Crusader". The 2007 show

will feature designer fall fashions provided by Annie's Ltd, Men's Wearhouse, Boss Formalwear, Catherine's and la joli mode BRIDAL. You won't want to miss this year's special event at Gaelic Park which also features lunch, entertainment, fabulous raffles prizes and a gift gallery for your early Christmas shopping convenience. Tickets cost \$40, and tables of 10 are available. Call Helen Kay at 708-425-1745 for more information or to purchase tickets. We hope to see you there as we "set sail" for an afternoon of fashion, friends, food and fun.

### Cinderella Performance

A pumpkin coach, Prince Charming, a glass slipper and a dream come true are woven together by the magic of a Fairy Godmother on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> when the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) and over 50 local students present an original musical adaptation of CINDERELLA.

When Cinderella's stepsisters try to keep her from attending the ball, a Fairy Godmother enlists the help of the Mice and the Pumpkins and is able to transform Cinderella just

in time for the big event. Also featured in the production are Cleo the Cat, Fido the Dog, the Lords and Ladies, the Town Criers, the King and the Beggars. Experience this unique twist the Missoula Children's Theatre puts on this classic story.

CINDERELLA will be presented at 1:00 and 7:00 in Chappel Hall at St. Gerald School. Tickets are available by calling the school (708-422-0121) and at the door.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Oak Lawn is presented locally by St. Gerald School. For more information, call the school at 708-422-0121.

### Seven Reavis Students Named AP Scholars

Seven students at Reavis High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. This student is Erin Witck.

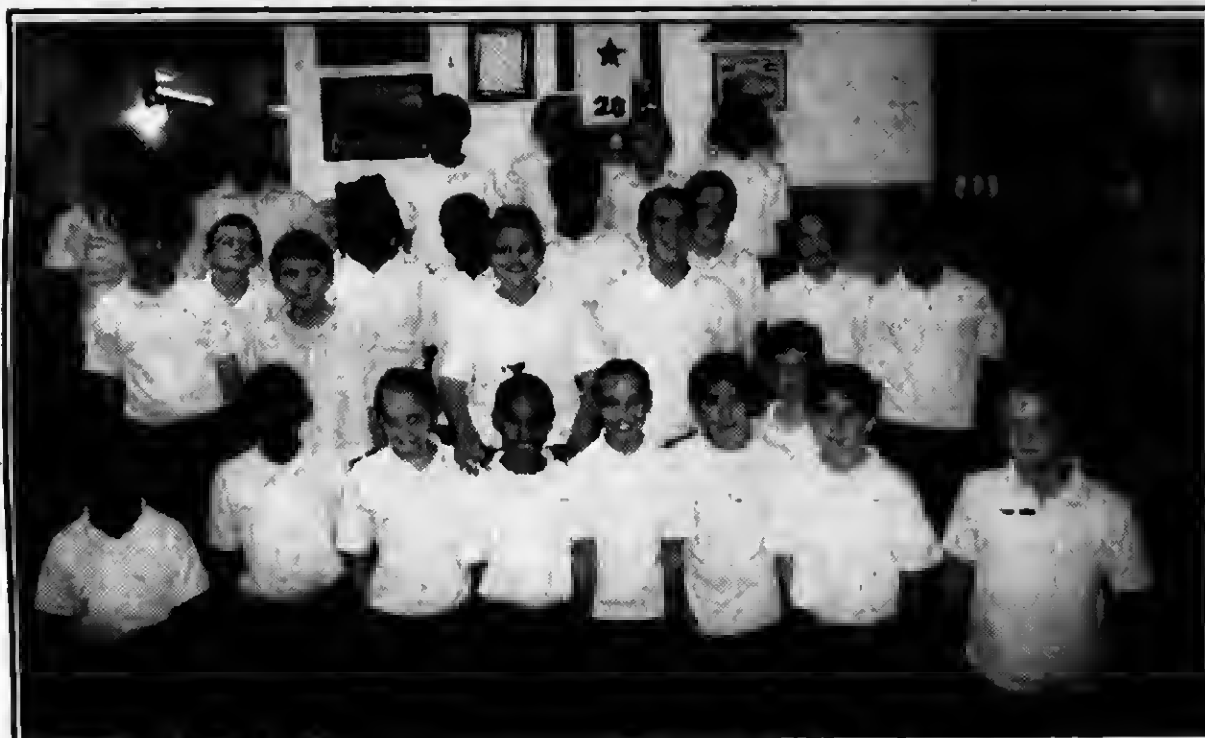
Six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are John Abbott,

Melissa DeLagarza, Charles Homerding, Issia Judeh, Justyna Kruk, and Eric Meli.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2007, thirty-seven AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,200 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT®, the PSAT/NMSQT®, and the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®). The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns.





Miss Kristin Avram and her 5<sup>th</sup> grade class are happy that 1<sup>st</sup> Lt J.J. Konstant accepted their invitation to come and speak to the students of St. Bernadette.

## Homecoming for Saint Bernadette Alumni

Saint Bernadette School students welcomed home alumni (Class of 1995) First Lieutenant J.J. Konstant after serving four years as a United States Marine. J.J. spoke to the students about his experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students were given a background on what was happening in both Iraq and Afghanistan and what

the military's job was in both situations. As he looked out into the audience, he saw many of his former teachers smiling upon him with pride. He told the students that St. Bernadette School laid a foundation of honesty and integrity that helped him through his many experiences in the United State

Marine Corps. He advised them that whatever they choose to do in life, the values you learn in school will be with you always. Students were given the opportunity to view the Purple Heart and Bronze Star that were bestowed upon First Lieutenant J.J. Konstant for his courageous service to our country.

## Veterans' Health and Information Fair

Sponsored by Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services

The Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services will sponsor its fourth Health and Information Fair for Veterans on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia. The fair will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Some of the health services that will be provided at the fair include blood pressure screening by the Orland Fire Protection District and flu shots by Orland Township from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Palos Community Hospital will have coupons for PSA exams and Sertoma will provide hearing screenings from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A representative from Moraine Valley Community College will have information regarding financial aid for veterans. Other participants include the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, Arthritis

Foundation, PLOWS Council on Aging, Orland Park Police Department, Social Security Administration, a representative from the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Orland Park Lions Club. Veterans may bring in old eyeglasses and donate them at the Lions Club table.

Fred Thomas and Charletta Hayes from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs will be available to answer questions regarding benefits. The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs has an office in the lower level of the village hall. Veterans interested in receiving information from

the American Legion-Orland Memorial Post #111 or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Reber-Tesmond Post #2604 will be able to meet with members of each organization.

The Village of Orland Park Clerk's office will offer voter registration and the Cook County Clerk's office will demonstrate the new voting machines.

Many more vendors will be available with literature for the veterans and to answer any questions that they might have.

For more information, please call Cathy Zuro or Shirley Hine with the Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

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## Little Company of Mary Welcomes New Physician

Dr. Howard K. McNair joins the Halsted Medical Center

Little Company of Mary Hospital welcomes Howard K. McNair Jr., M.D., who will bring dedicated skills in outpatient adult medicine. Dr. McNair received his doctorate in medicine from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at Chicago's Cook County Hospital.

His personal interests include diabetes care, which he says is a common disease seen in his patients. He has extensive background in diabetes care and wishes to outreach to the public to educate them on the partially preventable disease. He also plans to attend health fairs to inform and talk to people who do not prioritize their health, especially men. He says men wait too long before seeing a doctor and would like to encourage them to see a doctor for their general health not only when they're sick.

Dr. McNair encourages his patients to participate in some form of exercise and explains that exercise does not have to be painful but can be fun and motivating. He says if everyone could participate in an activity for at least ten minutes, three times a day, they would be participating in the minimum requirements of cardiovascular activity. Simple household chores such as sweeping would even count toward that goal. Dr. McNair takes personal interest in physical fitness and teaches an advanced step aerobics class when he's not in his office.

In his time away from work, Dr. McNair also enjoys a variety of activities and is proud to be a member of Trinity United Church of Christ. He also enjoys hobbies such as photography, dance, cooking, theatre, and going to the movies.

His office is located at the Halsted Medical Center on 736 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street on the corner of Halsted Avenue and 95<sup>th</sup> Street. The Center features 12 exam rooms, one minor procedure room and a spacious lobby that often accommodates community education classes. Dr. McNair's office hours include Monday through Fridays 9 to 5 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month. To make an appointment please call: 708.487.0363.



Photo Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas presents Ivy Siu (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) with a certificate honoring the Chinese American Service League Cultural Chinese Program for teaching the Chinese language. (Left Pat Michalski, assistant to Pappas on ethnic affairs, Kenneth Gunn, first deputy commissioner for Human Relations for the City of Chicago) photo by Teresa J. Potasiak

## Pappas Honors Chinese language school

In a reception in her downtown Chicago office, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas honored schools that teach languages to 28 ethnic communities in Chicagoland. Such school "honor their heritages and are a source of social richness for our community and our whole society" said Pappas. She added "A child who has learned a foreign language well has an invaluable tool for the future."

## New ComEd Service Expected to Dramatically Reduce Call Center Hold Times

Tired of being placed on hold while waiting for a customer service representative to come on the line? ComEd is saying "no" to lengthy hold times by establishing a new service that gives customers the option of hanging up and having ComEd call them back in the same amount of time they would have been placed on hold.

ComEd operates two call center facilities in the Chicago area that respond to about 13 million calls a year. Most attempts to reach a customer service representative (CSR) are answered within 30 seconds. The utility's call centers can handle 30,000 calls per hour as a result of voice response technology that allows customers to make simple transactions, such as reporting an outage or paying a bill, without having to talk to a CSR. For more complex inquiries, such as billing or credit issues that require the assistance of a CSR, this new feature will dramatically reduce hold times if a representative is not immediately available.

Here's how the technology works. If there is an extended wait time to speak with a CSR, callers will immediately receive the option to hang up and receive a return call in the same amount of time as if they stayed on hold. The service also will be available for Spanish-speaking customers.

"We are always looking for ways to improve customer satisfaction," said Phyllis Batson, vice president of Customer Contact, ComEd. "We know our customers don't like to be placed on hold for long periods of time. This technology upgrade gives them the freedom to do other things while they wait for a customer service representative to call them back."

ComEd says the technology will significantly reduce the number of times customers abandon phone calls because of hold times.

The technology has received rave customer reviews in states where it recently has been introduced, including California, Nevada, Texas, and Wisconsin.



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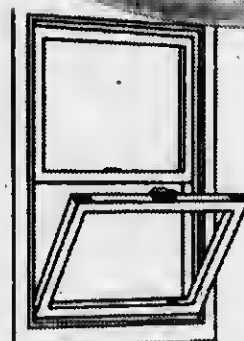


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Meet with the photographer before the wedding to iron out any details. Also make sure you like his personality and will be able to work with him. Discuss the kind of photos you want taken and the quantity from the church.

The biggest complaint I hear about photographers is that they are "too pushy". The bride and groom could not enjoy themselves because the photographer hovered over them taking too many pictures. Avoid this by making a list of how many you want and when and special effects if any.

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## Moraine Valley offers Active Retirement Special Seminars

Moraine Valley Community College is offering the following seminars for anyone age 55 and older.

Cutting Taxes on Your IRA Withdrawals will be presented from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday, October 25, in Building T, Room 002. This is a program for investors age 60+ who have money in any type of retirement plan and want to pay less to the IRS.

Attend Travel Tips and Tricks from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 12, if you plan to travel during the next year and want to find out the secrets to getting the best deals and learn other travel tips. The program will be in Building T, Room 002.

For more information, call Workforce Development and Community Services at (708) 974-5735.

## Health and Wellness

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will be hosting at Health and Wellness Fair at the Center.

Participating members will include chiropractors, nutritionists, insurance companies, senior care centers and so much more. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for visitors.

For further info call the Chamber at 424-8300.

Box Lunch Day at the Oak Lawn Senior Center.

Thursday, October 25th is Box Lunch Day sponsored by Southwest Denture Center, 5757 West 95 Street. They will discuss dental care specifically for the elderly and what and why certain procedures should and should not be performed. The must see presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and bingo. The cost is \$3.00 and seating is limited.

The Senior Center is located at 5330 West 95 Street and can be reached at 499-0240

## Moraine Valley offers neonatal and pediatric respiratory care seminars

Moraine Valley Community College's Workforce Development Center and the Illinois Society for Respiratory Care in conjunction with the Illinois Hospital Association is presenting two, two-day neonatal and pediatric respiratory care seminars.

The first seminar will conclude on Thursday, November 8. (The first day was September 27, but if you missed it, you can still attend the second day.) The second seminar will be Thursdays, October 18 and November 29. These programs are designed for current students and practicing licensed health care professionals who are involved in the management of acute and chronic respiratory, cardiopulmonary diseases and sleep disorders. Each seminar is worth six continuing education units. Hospitals and other employers will be displaying career information, and major medical firms and pharmaceutical companies also will be represented.

The seminars will be held in the College Center, Moraine Rooms 1-3, on campus at 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Check-in and at-the-door registration (if seats are available) will begin at 6:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served each day at 7 a.m., and the program will begin at 7:30 a.m. Lunch also will be provided.

Topics covered on October 18 will include Transports of the Neonate to a Level III ICU, Physical Exam and Assessment of the Newborn,

Nitric Oxide Therapy, Cardiac Care of the NICU/PICU Patient, High Frequency Oscillation, and Neonatal CXR Interpretation.

Topics covered on November 8 will include Common Presentations of Congenital Heart Lesions, Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia, Cardiopulmonary Diseases of the Neonate, Congenital Anomalies and Neurological Disorders, Conventional Ventilation of the Infant and Non-conventional Modes of Life Support.

November 29 topics will include Management of Acute Exacerbation of Asthma in Children, Perinatal Lung Disease and Consequences of Prematurity, Non-invasive Neonatal Monitoring, SIDS and other Sleep Disorders, Neonatal/Pediatric Pharmacology and Assessment of Ventilation and Oxygenation.

## H.O.P.E. St. Linus is a support group

The October meeting of H.O.P.E....A support group for those who have lost a loved one, will be on October 21st, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship room of St. Linus rectory at 10300 South Lawler.

We will have Mary Hafer from the University Of Illinois Extension Services. She will give a presentation on Memory which will be entertaining and informative.

If you have any questions please call President Mary Borge at 708-425-5183. Refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome.

## Little Company of Mary Walks for Prostate Cancer Awareness

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer, excluding skin cancers, in American men and one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime according to the American Cancer Society. Prostate cancer is very treatable when caught in its early stages. To raise awareness for prostate cancer, Little Company of Mary sponsored the 3rd Annual Greater Chicago Prostate Cancer 3K Walk'n Roll on Sunday, September 16th at Grant Park.

"The Walk doubled in size from last year and raised more than \$100,000," said Dan Reed, Development and Marketing Coordinator for Us Too Prostate Cancer Education & Support Network. Us Too is a grassroots organization started in 1990 by Prostate Cancer survivors to serve Prostate Cancer survivors, and their spouses/partners and families. Next year, Little Company of Mary will host an Us Too support group in The Cancer Center.

Little Company of Mary's Prostate Cancer Management Program offers the widest range of Prostate Cancer Treatments in the state of IL, including the robotic prostatectomy, which minimizes the risk of urinary incontinence and sexual dysfunction. A new Website published by Little Company of Mary [ <http://www.PursuingPainFreeCancer.org> ] encourages men to learn more about Prostate Cancer and to take a free confidential on-line risk test to evaluate their prostate cancer risk. The Web site's prostate cancer risk test evaluates a man's risk based on certain genetic and lifestyle factors that scientists believe affect one's prostate cancer risk.

Our cancer experts specialize in minimally invasive techniques and bring some of the most advanced cancer treatments available right to your neighborhood. These include high dose rate prostate brachytherapy [ HDR ], da Vinci robotic surgical system, advanced radiation therapy, radioactive prostate implants and cryotherapy.

Little Company of Mary would like to thank all of their employees and their families [ shown in photo ] who walked for Prostate Cancer Awareness. To learn more about Little Company of Mary's multidisciplinary team and minimally invasive approach to treating prostate cancer, call 1-866-540-LCMH or visit [www.pursuingpainfreecancer.org](http://www.pursuingpainfreecancer.org) to take a free prostate cancer risk assessment.

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## SWSRA provides programs for disabilities

South West Special Recreation Association [SWSRA], an agency that provides programs for individuals with disabilities in Alsip, Blue Island, Justice, Merriamette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights, Posen, Summit, and surrounding communities, is hosting a Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser.

This Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 9:30 p.m. at the Orland Bowl, 8601 West 159th Street, in Orland Park, IL.

You can't beat this Fundraiser when it comes to great food, great fun, and lots of laughs. Bowlers get three games of crazy bowling and a buffet-style dinner plus door prizes, and split the pot. All proceeds will be used to further special recreations programs. Purchase tickets early—we will sell out.

Call SWSRA at 708-389-9423

## Big Man Camp and Shooting Clinic

The St. Laurence High School [Burbank, IL] Viking Basketball Program invites all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys to its special upcoming events in the school gymnasium.

On Sunday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. our school will host a Big Man Camp. The goal for this camp is to give elementary school athletes several drills which will enhance

their play with their school or their traveling team.

On Monday, November 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. there will be a shooting clinic run by the program. All participants will receive individual attention regarding their strengths and their weaknesses, which will help to enhance their scoring in the upcoming season.

Note that there is no charge to attend these sessions. Please contact Coach Tom Pallardy during normal school hours at 708-458-6900, ext.255 for more information, or to register by either or both of these exciting events.

## Celtics Basketball Club Announces Tryouts

Come out & Play 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Boys Basketball Players.

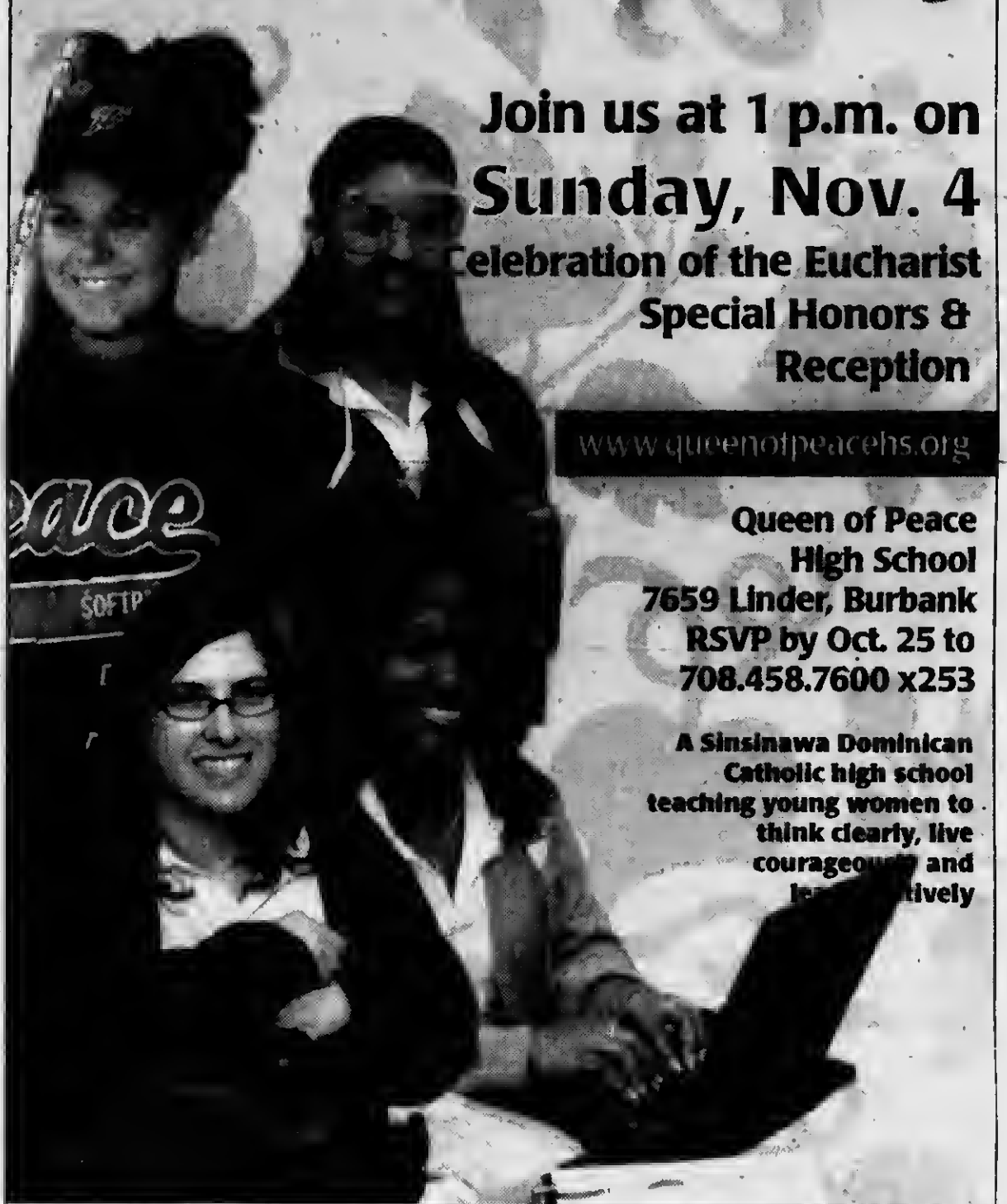
The Celtics Basketball Club announces tryouts for the 2007-2008 season. Tryouts will be held on Tuesday October 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Laurence High School.

This is for competitive "club" play. We stress individual skill development within a team concept.

"We look forward to building a Southside tradition". St. Laurence High School is located at 5556 West 77th Street in Burbank, IL.

For more information, please contact Tim at [basketball.celtics@yahoo.com](mailto:basketball.celtics@yahoo.com)

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## Senior announcement for The Milk Pail

The Senior Fellowship Group in Oak Lawn is planning an outing to The Milk Pail in Schaumburg, IL. on Thursday, November 8th. The cost is \$38.00/pp for

members and \$39.00 for non-members.

The deadline date is Thursday October 18th. Included is transportation via bus, which will leave Trinity Lutheran Church at 97th & Brandt in Oak Lawn, IL. at 9:30 a.m.

We've even left a little time for shopping in their Country Store before the Theatrical Performances of

Legends Salute to America's Veterans. Included is a delicious luncheon consisting of Caesar Salad, Biscuits, Roast Turkey with Celery Dressing/Gravy and Hot Mashed Potatoes with Green Beans. Dessert is Apple Pie.

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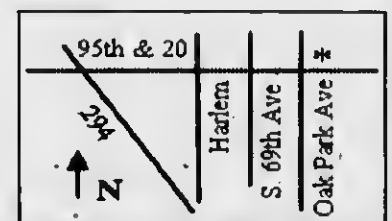
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## New Nursing Director at Smith Village

Donna Brazis, RN, has been named director of nursing at Smith Village, according to Kevin McGee, executive director of the continuing care retirement community.

Brazis' entire three-decade nursing career has been in Chicago's southwest side community and suburbs. She most recently was director of nursing at Holy Family Villa in Lemont, and before that held the same position at

HCR Manor Care-Oak Lawn West and at Provena Villa Franciscan in Joliet.

Between 1976 and 2002, Brazis was a MDS Medicare specialist for Will County, a rehab nurse at HCR Manor-Oak Lawn West and in Palos Heights, and a supervising nurse at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park. She and her husband John Brazis live in Tinley Park with three of their five children. The eldest two are adults.

"Donna's 13 years in long-term care management and her familiarity with our neighborhood and surrounding communities

make her extremely qualified. Her devotion to nursing and motivation is evident in the fact that she raised five children while working in a variety of positions that demonstrate her ability to achieve," says McGee. "We are fortunate Donna brings her exceptional leadership and strong management skills to Smith Village."

Brazis was attracted to Smith Village, she says,

"because the staff is eager to provide residents with beautiful surroundings and top-notch care. They really go the extra mile," she adds, "and there is a high ratio of caregivers to residents. That means better care and also better working conditions."

Smith Village, located at 2320 West 113<sup>th</sup> Place, currently is completing a \$125 million transformation by building 152 new independent living residences that brings the total number of residents served to 330 seniors. Most recently, Smith Village completed more than 80 apartments for residents needing assisted living and memory support services.

Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors since 1924, Smith Village provides independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. For more information, call 773.881.4950 or visit [SmithVillage.org](http://SmithVillage.org).

## Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir announces new director

The Beverly Morgan Park Community of Churches Choir committee has recently announced the hiring of a new music director, Jeff Silhan. Silhan has a long history with the Oak Lawn Musichorale and the committee is looking forward to working with him.

The committee has also announced that Bill Crowle has agreed to be the accompanist. The Beverly Morgan Park Community Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, January 13, 2008 from 3:30-5:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ, located 9815 S Campbell, Evergreen Park.

The 9th annual concert is on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at St John Fisher Church, Chicago. If you are interested in singing, soprano, alto, tenor or base call Vivian Nash at 773-322-0078 for rehearsal schedule and so music can be ordered. Nash email is [Vivian\\_Nash@ssmhc.com](mailto:Vivian_Nash@ssmhc.com)

Clothing resale at Oak Lawn Community Church On Saturday, October 20 from 8-11am the Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland is having their 'fall and winter children's clothing resale'. Along with children's things there will be maternity clothes, baby furniture, equipment and toys. Blue tagged items will be 50% off the last hour of the sale. There is room for more sellers. Call the church office at 708-599-4025 for information.

## Oak Lawn Library News

### "Guys Read" Club for Grades 3 to 5

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., hosts "Guys Read," a free monthly after-school program for boys in third through fifth grade. The theme for their meeting Tuesday, October 23 at 4-5 p.m. is "Thrills and Chills." Participants will read and discuss their favorite adventure and horror stories. Snacks provided. Advance registration required at the Youth Services Desk. Limit 30.

### Library Holds Teen Game Night

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will host a Teen Game Night, featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), Wednesday, October 24 from 7-8 p.m. for students in sixth through tenth grade. Teens may bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all who participate in the games.

### Free Child ID Program

Officers from the Oak Lawn Police Department will be on hand to create free Child IDs at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These two page reports include a color photo, fingerprints and other information that could assist authorities with locating children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration required. Families may stop by anytime during this three-hour time span to make an appointment for that day.

### Chicago Haunts

Join author Ursula Bielski on an armchair expedition through haunted cemeteries, churches, homes and forest preserves in search of Chicago's favorite phantoms 7 p.m. Monday, October 29 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St.

Bielski is the author of four books exploring 160 years of Chicagoland's haunted history. Learn the stories behind Resurrection Mary, the site of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Bachelors Grove and more. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and autographs.

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## Mount Assisi Academy Hosts Open Houses

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, will be hosting two Open Houses for prospective students and their families on Sunday, November 4, 2007 from 2 pm to 4 pm and Sunday, November 18, 2007 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Visitors will receive a guided tour of the school building, meet our exceptionally skilled, dedicated and supportive administration, faculty and staff, and view our breathtaking and scenic campus grounds overlooking suburban Lemont. Guests will also learn more about the varied college preparatory curriculum that is tailored to

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For more information on these events, please call (630) 257-7844 or visit [www.mtassisiacademy.org](http://www.mtassisiacademy.org).

## Tinley Park Public Library to Host 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Faire

Looking to get an early start on your holiday shopping? The Tinley Park Public Library will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Faire at the library on Saturday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 4, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Decorative items for the home, gourmet food, candles, kitchen items, jewelry, and much more will be available for purchase from home party vendors including Home Interiors, Homemade Gourmet, Longaberger, PartyLite, Pampered Chef, and more. Admission to the Holiday Gift Faire is free. For more information, please call 708.532.0160, x 3.

## Moraine Valley to host community blood drive on campus

The Student Government Association at Moraine Valley Community College is teaming up with LifeSource to host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24, on the first floor of the College Center, Building C, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

The first 25 donors will receive \$5 gift cards from Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts or McDonald's.

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. You must have a photo ID to donate.

To schedule an appointment, call William Obuchowski, student trustee, at (708) 608-4165.

## Haunted Farm at Palos Southwest Community Center

The spookiest night of the year! Friday and Saturday evenings, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Haunted Farm guest will be led on a 1-1/2 hour experience. It includes a walk through the Haunted Farm, a hayride trip to the Graveyard and maze in the Woods, a stop for spider cider at the witches' cauldron and fireside Halloween stories.

The program for Halloween is recommended for children 8 and older. Advance tickets are required. They are \$11. Call The Chicago Southwest Suburban Community Parish and Community Center Foundation, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park at 708-361-3650.

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## Haunted Boo-Mobile

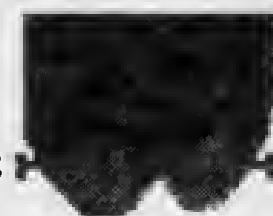
The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Haunted Boo-Mobile for ages 3 to 11 on Friday, October 26 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The Haunted Boo-Mobile will feature scary storytelling, spooktacular games, a costume contest and much more. For details, please call 708.532.0160 (outreach services, press 9). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

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On Saturday, October 20 from 8-11 am the Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland is having their 'fall and winter children's clothing resale'. Along with children's things there will be maternity clothes, baby furniture, equipment and toys.

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Now that the weather has gone from blistering hot to breezy and comfortable it's especially nice to get out into the great outdoors. Usually our joy rides are a threesome.

We, the green hornets, ride along with Marie, Bill's sister, also known as the red baron when she's behind the handle bars.

Marie loves to coast along, ready to meet and mingle with passersby. Like her brother she greets everyone with a friendly hello. She'll stop to compliment someone on a luscious lawn or a pretty porch. As she rides away she always leaves smiles behind her.

Bill is usually the leader of the pack, except when he's not paying attention and leads us straight into a sprinkler that has the force of a power hose.

Occasionally he'll play dare devil and dart across the street as traffic zooms passed, only to look back, impatiently, as two nervous Nellies refuse to move till the coast is free and clear of racing cars.

One hot summer's evening we rolled out the bikes for a ride that ended in a side splitting moment of laughter.

Making our way home we were unexpectedly joined by a group of gray haired pedal pushers rounding the corner who were also casually cruising around the neighborhood. As they rode behind us we all laughed out loud at the sight of our bicycle brigade. Images of the movie Wild Hogs came to mind, without the engines and leather jackets, of course.

With arthritis in our kness and bursitis bothering our shoulders, we can giggle at our predicament as we pedal on. We're now the older people that we use to laugh at many moons ago.

I know because one evening, as we passed a group of kids hanging out, I heard one say something about our green bikes and the next thing we heard was laughter. In a second of disbelief I ask Bill, "Were they laughing at us?" "Yep!" Was his accepting reply. It is a reminder that getting older is not for sissies.

As the season of summer slowly slips by it is soothing to take a spin, taking the time to notice the changing of the colors of Autumn leaves, where greens turn to golden browns, brilliant oranges and vibrant reds.

All too soon the snow will fly and our bikes will be stored in the back of the garage.

So, we'll take every opportunity, to ride out the summer's sunset - our favorite pastime, made all the more special, to me, because I get to share it with an adventurous husband and a fun-loving sister-in-law.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

When you are reluctant to change, think of the beauty of Autumn. (V Brown.)

## Book Sale at Acorn Public Library

In Lower Level Meeting Room Next Friends Book Sale will be on February 23rd 2008. Book donations accepted prior. Come support your library and take home some great resources: Books & other items.

The Friends Group is searching for more members with energy, enthusiasm, and some fresh ideas for some fun fundraising events—maybe author teas, dinner theater, auctions, bus trips, raffles, evening in the stacks concert... What would you like???

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## Don't Pay Sticker Price

Joseph Orsolini, Certified College Planning Specialist will share three key areas where you may be able to reduce the cost of a college education for yourself or your family. Mark your calender for this helpful program. This program will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at 7 P.M. at the Alsip- Merrionette Park Public Library. The Library is located at 11960 South Pulaski in Alsip. Contact the Adult Services Department at 708-371-5666 for more information and to register. Registration is required.

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Vilimas (on left) is from Bridgeport, De Hoyos (on right) is from Garfield Ridge

## De La Salle Volleyball Players Excel Inside and Outside of Classroom

To properly define the term "student-athlete", one needs look no further than De La Salle's varsity girls volleyball team. Not only does Meteors head coach Anna Marassa have two talented volleyball players in senior Marissa DeHoyos and junior Jill Vilimas, she also has the two young women who are ranked No. 1 academically in the Classes of 2008 and 2009, respectively, at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus.

"I'm very fortunate to have the opportunity to coach two outstanding young women in Marissa and Jill," Marassa said. "At De La Salle, we demand that our student-athletes place an emphasis on succeeding in the classroom and Marissa and Jill certainly do that."

DeHoyos is ranked No. 1 in the 93-member senior class at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus with a 4.941 grade-point average and is enrolled in the Honors Program. Along with studying and playing volleyball, DeHoyos (whose brother, Wesley, graduated from the Institute in 2005) is the president of the National Honor Society, as well as participating in Peer Ministry, the REACH Club, the Spanish Club and Lasallian Youth.

As for her future plans, DeHoyos would like to attend either the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign or Illinois State University and major in mathematics.

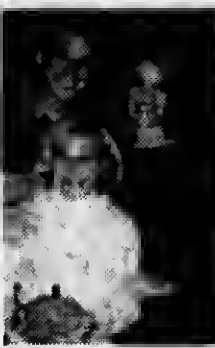
Like DeHoyos, Vilimas also comes from a De La Salle family. Her dad, Paul, is a 1978 graduate of the Institute, as are her brothers, Eric (2002) and Matthew (2005).

Possessing a 4.909 GPA, Vilimas is ranked No. 1 in the 101-member Class of 2009 at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus and is enrolled in the Honors Program. In addition to volleyball, Vilimas also participates in Peer Ministry and the Tolerance Week committee. She also is an alderman in the City of De La Salle, as well as the vice president of the Spanish Club.

"We place an emphasis on academics at De La Salle," Meteors athletic director Tom White said. "It's great that Marissa and Jill are excellent volleyball players, but it's so much more meaningful that they are high-quality young women who thrive in the classroom. Our school is a better place because of them. They truly epitomize what being a successful De La Salle student-athlete is all about."

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Tour stops will emphasize the school's academic programs and academic facilities. It features the school's five computer labs

including the Reilly Computer Center, the chapel, guidance center, gymnasium and the collegiate-size Charles Grunhard Fitness Center.

Demonstrations in biology, chemistry and physics as well as hands-on use of the school's computer

resources will give prospective students and parents the opportunity to witness and experience some of the everyday learning opportunities at St. Laurence High School.

The award-winning St. Laurence High School band,

renowned throughout Illinois, will perform in the 1600-seat gymnasium where the school's rich athletic traditions are shown. Tours conclude in the cafeteria for a Q and A, transportation, financial aid and refreshments.

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## Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre announces 2008-09 season

The Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, known for its bringing classics into the Chicagoland spotlight announces its exciting 2008-09 season. The season includes the following timeless classics: 'Sweet Charity', 'Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story', 'The Boys from Syracuse', 'Mame' and 'Miss Saigon'. The current production run is 'Meet Me in St. Louis' running through December 16, 2007. Performances for all shows are Wed at 1:30pm, Thurs at 1:30 and 8pm, Fri at 8:30pm, Sat at 5 and 8:30pm and Sun at 2 and 6pm. Season subscriptions start as low as \$95 for 5 shows. Call the box office 630-530-0111 for more information.

Tony-Award winner Christine Ebersole head-lines Roosevelt U benefit

Christine Ebersole grew up in Winnetka and discovered her passion for singing and acting while a student at New Trier High School. In addition to receiving the 2007 Tony-Award she received the Obie Award, Drama Desk Award and the Critic circle Award.

Christine Ebersole will perform at the Auditorium Theatre Roosevelt University's 2007 gala, 'An Intimate Evening with

Christine Ebersole', on Friday, November 2. It is slated to be an unforgettable night for the audience. The Auditorium will be transformed into a glittering ballroom. Guest will be seated on stage or on special platforms atop the orchestra-level floor.

The evening kicks-off at 6:30pm with a cocktail reception and silent auction. Dinner is at 7:30pm and the program is at 9pm. Tickets are \$500 and \$750. Call Amanda Martinez at 312-922-2110 ext.368 for more information.

Radio Humorist David Sedaris comes to CPA at Governors State

Best-selling author and national public radio humorist David Sedaris comes to the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Friday, October 19 at 8pm for an exclusive Chicago engagement. He will read some of his selections of pointed commentary on human conditions that are sure to leave the audience laughing. Tickets are \$45 and available by calling the box office at 708-235-2222.

Mercury Theatre presents The Rocky Horror Show

The biggest and battiest rock n' roll musical The Rocky Horror Show will be wiping Chicago audiences into a frenzy when the production previews October 12 and opens Wednesday, October 17th at the Mercury Theatre, 3745 N Southport Ave. CreatiVision

Entertainment, a newly formed production company devoted to innovative and fresh state-of-the art productions, presents the programming.

The cult phenomenon stage show that inspired the motion picture is a one-of-a-kind combination of campy science fiction, trashy fantasy, ridiculous comedy and rock n' roll. The show pays tribute to the original in an ultra-contemporary rock concert-style setting. So fish out the fishnets and sharpen your stilettos for the rockiest ride you'll enjoy at the theater.

The Rocky Horror Show will be produced and directed by Steve Hildebrand. Brenda Didler, recently Jeff-nominated for Porchlight's Ragtime, and choreographer of SHANGHAI:BAI XI at Navy Pier's Pepsi Skyline Stage, will choreograph. Scott Alan Jones, who received a Best Actor Jeff nomination, for his previous portrayal, stars along with rising Chicago rock star, Molly Callinan. Other cast members include Robert Felbinger, Dina Di Costanzo, Amy Armstrong and Tony DiFalco.

The performance schedule is Mon and Wed at 7:30pm, Fri at 11pm, Sat at 4 and 11pm and Sun at 7:30pm. Tickets range from \$30-\$42.50 and are available at the Mercury Theatre box office at 773-325-1700. The show contains Adult subject matter and is limited to ages 17 and older. Valet parking is available.



Kelly O'Sullivan, Lee Stark and ensemble member Tim Hopper in "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller, directed by ensemble member Anna D. Shapiro. Credit Michael Brosilow

### Lookingglass Theatre:

The one-woman show stars Nilaja Sun and is called 'No Child' and is directed by Hal Brooks. It played in New York for over a year and is now on tour in the United States. Chicago is the first stop with Boston next., according to Nilaja Sun at the recent opening. She received the 2007 Obie Award. 'No Child' is about falling behind, losing hope and dropping out. Sun plays janitor, principal, a classroom of students as an idealistic teaching-artist in the public school. All



teachers can relate. compassion and insight, why Lookingglass plays host to not one-child should be left the powerful and laughing behind. There are discount one-woman play that teacher tickets. Call 312-337-0665.

## Current worthwhile theater

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### Steppenwolf Theatre:

Arthur Miller's 50's play 'The Crucible' is a winner. There are some wonderful performances within the production, namely James Vincent Meredith, Sally Murphy, Ian Barford, Ora Jones and Alan Wilder. This is part of this year's theme of Steppenwolf "What is it to be an American?" When teenagers' girls are discovered trying to conjure spirits, the 17th century town of Salem explodes in witch-trials. The vicious trials and lying that follow expose the community paralyzed by fear, greed and religious extremism. Ensemble member Anna Shapiro directs the production. Some of the actors will be replaced when Tracy Letts's play goes to Broadway. Call 312-335-1650 for tickets. The production runs through November 18.

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### A Hole-In-One Golf Outing Raises Over \$16,000.00 for the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation!!!!

A perfectly measured golf course and a clear sky greeted golfers on August 16, 2007 at the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation Annual Golf Outing. Held at Silver Lakes Country Club in Orland Park, golfers enjoyed a pleasant day to help a great cause, investing in the long-term future of Orland Township most valuable commodities... Our Youth. Orland Township Supervisor Robert Maher and President of the Foundation stated, "Thanks to the many generous sponsors, donors and golfers we broke last year's record of \$8,000.00 and more than doubled our profit!" Well over \$16,000.00 was raised this year that will allow the Foundation to award numerous scholarships this spring to Orland Township high school students from the graduating Class of 2008.

It takes a lot of work to host an event as large as the golf outing for the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. With the south course in full swing, there was a lot of coordination and action behind the scenes.

"The success of the event was clearly due to the hard work of our great golf committee, along with Orland Township staff and volunteers," said Trustee Marty McGuire, this year's Golf Outing Chairman. "Together, this hard-working group campaigned for sponsorships, secured goods

bags, printed and organized all prizes and equipment for the event, worked registration, sold raffle tickets, distributed door prizes, coordinated the presentation, and monitored contest tables. All their hard work paid off with an outstanding profit. The students that we support with our scholarships are our future, and we sincerely THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!" he added.

Kudos to a great Committee, that included Orland Township Supervisor Robert Maher, Clark Pat Thompson, Trustee Marty McGuire, Trustee Maggie O'Brien, Trustee John Horner, Trustee Kay Yunker, Assessor Rich Kelly, Karen Milman from Lakeside Bank, Mark Smack, Mark Gierke, and Ken Warrick.

Also, a very special thanks to our event and day sponsors Marquette Bank, Moslow Financial, Joseph Murray & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants, the Andrew Corporation and its employees, lunch sponsor 90-West Steak & Seafood Restaurant and Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery and the many others who share our goals and vision for the youth of our community. Together we are providing new opportunities for many young students to achieve their educational dreams.

For all of our volunteers, sponsors, food and prize donors...THANK YOU! Without your help we couldn't

could've had such a successful day.

Please continue our loyal support, as their support is critical to the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. We thank them again for their generous and loyal support.

To our community members, THANK YOU for helping to make the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation Golf Outing a successful success.

Watch for additional information in the upcoming edition of the Orland Township FOCUS regarding the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation scholarship application process or call the Orland Township Administrative Office at (708) 403-4222.

Applications will be available in early February at the Orland Township Office, 15100 South 9th Avenue, Orland Park, or through the Guidance Counselor office at your high school.

We will be seeking applicants whose criteria meet the standards of the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. We are committed to community service and prevention work through meeting the needs of local youth, and will grant the awards based on merit in the following areas: leadership, volunteerism, academic focus, extra-curricular activities and recommendations from a school representative, volunteer, superior or employer.

**Arts Alive!  
Community Band  
Performs 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Concert**

Tinley Park, Illinois, October 10, 2007 - The Tinley Park District's Arts Alive! Community Band is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special concert on Saturday, October 20 at 7:30 pm. The concert will be performed at St. Stephen's Church, 17500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Tinley Park. Special appearances are planned along with the participation of past band members. Former band director Steve Pletko will also be on hand with a composition written especially for the band's anniversary. Don't miss this truly memorable evening the whole family will enjoy. FREE! For more information, contact the Park District at 708/342-4300.

### Oak Forest Approves Cable and Video Ordinances

By Matt Meyer

The City Council approved an ordinance amendment to the municipal code at the Oct 9 Oak Forest City Council meeting, requiring a 5 percent fee for video providers. The fee currently exists for cable providers. An ordinance incorporating state legislative verbiage into the municipal code for the endorsement of cable/video consumer protection was also approved.

Other highlights: the city council approved an

ordinance which establishes certain criteria for public safety and aesthetic consideration of facilities located in right of ways. This ordinance accommodated recent state legislation pertaining to video services, which was drafted by the Illinois Municipal League and the Metropolitan Mayors Conference. An agreement with the Illinois Secretary of State to purchase a 60452 license plate for \$500 was approved as well as an agreement between the city and Catherine M. O'Connor to continue as the city's payroll service for \$17,325.

A public work request for Frazier Concrete to become a part of the city's sidewalk management plan for \$535 per square foot was approved

as well as a request to purchase a Ford E-Series Transit (Handicapped accessible) van for \$42,000 after the trade in of the city's 1994 Ford EL Durate bus.

A proposed fundraiser for the Cub Scouts Pack 341 at the Metra Station platform on October 10, 11 and 12 was approved as well as a request to proclaim October as Crime Prevention month in the city. The Southwest Conference of Mayors will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day on Saturday October 27 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at 157th Street and Lovel Avenue for household items such as batteries, insecticides, paints and other household chemicals.



Liberty Asst. Principals Earn \$1200 in Supplies for School

Dave Snyder, Assistant Principal of Liberty School, was selected as one of 1,000 school staff members across the country to receive nearly \$1,200 in supplies for his school from OfficeMax. The award is part of OfficeMax's "A Day Made Better" Program, which aims to eliminate "teacher-funded" classrooms. Due to budget shortfalls, OfficeMax notes that teachers are now forced to spend nearly \$4 billion annually out of their own pockets (an average of

\$1,200 per teacher) for basic classroom supplies. Included among the supplies given to Liberty School on behalf of Snyder was a printer, dry erase board, markers, folders, and posters. They also provided the school with a start-up kit for "Adopt-a-Classroom", a partnering program with OfficeMax.

OfficeMax representatives worked with Liberty School principal Mrs. Cheryl Foerbach, who commented

on October 2 at 10:00 a.m., the same date and time as all other recipients were to receive their awards. Liberty students gathered in the gym to congratulate their Assistant Principal, who is in his first year in Orland School District 135. Foerbach noted that she nominated Snyder because of his above-and-beyond work in planning and organizing the after school programs for students who need extra assistance in reading and math.

### Orland Plaza parcel becomes part of the Main Street Triangle

By Matt Meyer

The village board at the Oct. 1 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting approved the site plans for a three-story retail use development at the northwest corner of 143rd Street and LaGrange Road. The parcel to be developed will eliminate the L-shaped Orland Plaza, which has been home to such businesses as Randy's Market, Syman's Jewelers, and Reading for the Blind, Orland Bakery and more. The parcel will now be incorporated into the Main Street Triangle, which borders 143rd Street, LaGrange Road, Southwest Highway, and Union Street.

The commercial and residential mix development is slated to consist of nearly 3,000 square feet of business space on the ground level and 21 condominiums, which will range from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet with a projected starting price in the vicinity of \$400,000. There will be a green deck above the commercial portion. Each unit will have two parking places and will be within walking distance to the Metra station. The development also has a basement and an underground garage. Exterior parking is slated for the northwest corner with access off of Union Street.



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### Worth zeros in on Red Light Camera Company

By  
Matt Mayer

Following presentations from Don Nelson, Regional Sales Manager for Scottsdale Arizona based Traffic Systems Inc at the Sept. 4 board meeting and a presentation by Greg Zito a representative from Lombard based RedSpeed Illinois at the Sept. 18 board meeting, Police Chief John Carpio recommended at the Oct. 2 Worth Board of Trustees meeting that the village contract with RedSpeed. Carpio's decision was made due to RedSpeed offering a clause in the contract, which states that the village may break the contract upon RedSpeed receiving 30-day notice.

State permits are required for the installation of the camera and RedSpeed must submit reports to the state. The state has the right to revoke the permits - there is no cost to the village, therefore the contract is cost neutral. The board directed the village attorney to work with RedSpeed and draw up the contract. A contract vote will be scheduled for a further meeting once the contract is finalized.

The camera are slated to be installed at the intersection of Horizon Avenue and Southwest Highway. Carpio stated at a previous meeting that he also believed a red light camera should be installed at 100th Street and Oak Park Avenue. A red-light violation is considered a non-moving violation due to the inability to identify the driver. The camera only takes a picture of the rear of the vehicle and the license plate. The fine is then mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle and there is no court appearance required. The fine is in the vicinity of \$90 however during the first few months only warning tickets will be issued.



### Rep. Lipinski Calls on Congress to Enact National Science Board

*Recommendations for Improving Education Seek to Bolster Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education in Schools*

Today, Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.) introduced the National Science Board in unveiling the much anticipated national action plan for 21st century STEM - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics - education in a briefing at the U.S. Capitol. Among the recommendations, the Board proposed that Congress charter an independent, non-Federal National Council for STEM education in order to ensure increased coordination of STEM education across the nation and an adequate supply of highly effective, well compensated teachers in these fields.

"In my position as Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, I have worked to improve funding and pass critical legislation aimed at advancing STEM education," stated Lipinski. "Today, I call on Congress to adopt the vital recommendations outlined in this report and commit our dedication to fields that are crucial to the future of America's children."

*The National Action Plan for Addressing the Critical*

*Needs of the U.S. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education System* lays out strategies to encourage collaboration among stakeholders from local, state, and federal governments, as well as nongovernmental STEM education groups. Other recommendations center on voluntary national STEM content guidelines, alignment of STEM learning across grade levels, increased STEM teacher compensation, and the role of higher education. The goal is to ensure that all American students receive the skills and knowledge required for success in the 21st century.

One year ago Rep. Lipinski addressed a meeting of the National Science Board on the topic of STEM education. His comments factored into the recommendations outlined within the Board's STEM education report.

"As a former college professor and one of only a handful of members of Congress with an engineering degree, I have a unique perspective on this issue," stated Lipinski. "There is nothing more important to our future than having the best math and science teachers available to inspire and guide our next generation of leaders in science and industry. We must do more to ensure that more highly qualified teachers are in the classroom. Investing in the education of our youth in science, technology, engineering, and math is essential to our children's future and our nation's continued prosperity."

### Worth Park District Fall Events

Fall is upon us! Our annual Family Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 20th at 1pm until 5pm at Oak Grove Park (109th and Moravia). Fee is \$3 per child. Come dressed in your Halloween Costume and enjoy games, crafts, "Purr Friends" petting zoo, a performance by the Covered Bridge "Kids on the Bridge" Children's Theater at 4:30pm, and a Musical Hayride brought to the United Methodist Church

in Worth (111th and Depot) to take a "Child Friendly" tour of their Haunted House. An additional fee of \$2 per child will be charged for the event. Please try to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry! After your scary trip through the haunted house, return to Oak Grove Park on our express hayride and enjoy a bonfire with a SPOOKY storytelling performance by "Springing the Bird" next to our bonfire. Comedians will be available for a small fee.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS AND CANDY MAKERS!** Mark down our annual Holiday Tree Lighting, set for Sunday, December 2nd. We are hoping to have a COOK-BAKE OFF at the Terrace Centre before the tree lighting. Applications will be available by October 15th at the Terrace Centre or by applying to this message. Bakers will be judged by their parent. You may also sell your cookies if you wish! (But don't tell your recipe). Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Entry is free!

If you are a home-sales representative and sell items such as tastefully simple, homemade gourmet, market day, home wine parties etc, we are looking for you too! Space is limited! We are looking for food and party vendors that will make our holidays much simpler to sell items from 3-7pm the evening of the tree lighting. Information to come! For application or information please reply to the message or call 708-448-7000 and request an application for this event. Entry fee is \$15 per table.

**TRIPS:** We are traveling to the Chicago History Museum on Saturday, November 10th from 9:30-3pm. This trip is perfect for all ages. Explore the world's fair, history behind Chicago's waterways and other interesting topics! There is a new, interactive children's section that will allow participants to "Smell" Chicago. Register by November 1st. \$17 Adults, \$15 Seniors. Lunch is available at Wolfgang Puck's History Cafe for an additional fee.

**Serena:** The Musical is a heartwarming family musical based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Featuring spectacular sets and costumes, Serena is the Ideal Holiday Treat! Enjoy brunch at the Theater at the Centre in Moravia, Sunday, December 9th 11:30am-2pm. \$55 Residents \$59 NR. 11:30am-2pm.

**UPCOMING CLASSES/WORKSHOPS:** Kids and Parents Magic Making Workshop: This is a 1 1/2 hour workshop for kids ages 5 and up to attend with a parent/caregiver. All children receive a magic wand and supply bag for

of magic tricks to take with them. Saturday, October 20th from 9:30-11am \$35 Residents \$45 Non Residents

**HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST:** Be sure to register your spooky house with the Worth Park District by calling 708-448-7000. This is FREE for all residents of Worth. Please be sure to register by October 16th. Judging takes place on Thursday, October 18th at 1pm. If you enjoy Halloween and are in 5th through 8th grade, register now for the award winning COBBETS basketball team and girls Charlotte basketball team. Please stop in to the Terrace Centre at 11500 S. Halsted between 9am and 4pm to register for this award winning team!

**Colors of Fall Art Show:** Are you an artist looking to display your work? The Worth Park District is accepting "Colors of Fall" between October 22 and 28th and will be on display in the Terrace Centre lobby during the month of November. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for creativity. Pieces must be submitted at the Terrace between 9 and 6pm. Ages 6-12 are eligible for this event. Please call 708-448-7000 and ask for Amanda for information.

**Art classes** are ongoing at the Park District.

**Oil painting** with Beth Leaky begins again on November 5th, 12, 19 and 25th. Beginner and advanced artists learn the basics of oil painting and create wonderful works of art. This class will focus on proper use of oil paint, brushwork, value and more. This class is for ages 8 and up and runs from 4:30 to 6pm at the Terrace Centre.

**Beginner bellydancing** begins on October 16th!

**The Kwan De begins** on November 6th at TUSA for Adults and Children.

**Gymnastics** begins another season October 23rd for ages 4 and up (no prerequisites).

**TODDLER/TOT CLASSES:**

Twice on Tuesdays begins on October 30th at 11:45am. Your child will participate in a new activity every week.

**Smile with your baby** at our Baby Bless! Our next dinner will be on October 19th at 7:15pm. The fee is \$2 for residents \$4 for Non residents.

**Locking boards:**

We are having a health and wellness fair on Saturday, February 9th at the Terrace Centre from 10am to 2pm. We are currently looking for vendors for this event. Any health food stores, doctors, fitness and other vendors are needed for this event. For an application please call Colleen at 708-279-5942.

### Chicago Ridge honors police officer

By  
Matt Mayer

Police Chief Tim Baldernann presented Corp. John Cholke with an Award of Valor at the Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Cholke was off duty when he noticed an unresponsive man on the ground. Cholke ran and performed CPR on the man and was able to obtain a pulse. He continued CPR until the paramedics arrived. Cholke began his career as a part time officer and has been full time since 1989. Baldernann described Cholke as a selfless individual who works hard every day and is deserving of this award. "CPR has not needed to be given to an individual since 1991. The CPR had successfully started his heart and he was taken to the hospital. Unfortunately the resident expired in the emergency room", Baldernann said.

**Le other beclases:** The board approved a motor fuel tax contract as well as a community development block grant project with Crawley Shepherd. A fire department request for the purchase of bunker gear for \$76,395, which includes thirty three sets of coats, helmets, pants, boots, gloves, etc, one gear dryer for \$6,575, and one gear monitoring system for \$1,360, which total \$84,330. The majority of the expenditure is expected to be paid from a Homeland Security grant of \$78,936, leaving the village portion at \$5,374. Fire Chief Grossi said that if the grant were not received, the order would then be cancelled. A request to donate a fire investigator vehicle to Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems (MABAS) Division 21 was also approved.

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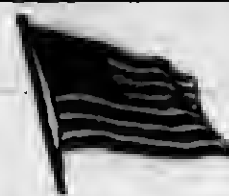
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### Bernard Haitink Conducts The Civic Orchestra of Chicago in a Free Concert

*Performance is part of Mr. Haitink's fall residency in Chicago, which also includes three weeks of subscription programming with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

Bernard Haitink, the principal conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will lead the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in a free performance at Orchestra Hall on Sunday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. The program opens with Beethoven's joyous *Leonore* Overture No. 3, followed by Shostakovich's intensely personal and defiant Symphony No. 10. The Civic Orchestra is the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's training orchestra for pre-professional musicians, featuring some of the most talented young players from across the country. This performance marks the first time Mr. Haitink will conduct the Civic Orchestra.

With an international conducting career that has spanned more than five decades, Amsterdam-born Bernard Haitink is one of today's most celebrated conductors. Appointed principal conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 2006, he has led many of the world's major orchestras, including more than 25 years at the helm of the Royal Concertgebouw as its music director. In addition, Mr. Haitink has previously held posts as music director of the Dresden Staatskapelle; the Royal Opera, Covent Garden; Glyndebourne Festival Opera; and the London Philharmonic. He is conductor laureate of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and conductor emeritus of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He has made frequent guest appearances with the Berlin Philharmonic, Vienna

Philharmonic, Bavarian Radio, London Symphony and other leading orchestras. Mr. Haitink has received many international awards in recognition of his services to music, including both an honorary Knighthood and the Companion of Honour in the United Kingdom, and the House Order of Orange-Nassau in the Netherlands. He was named Musical America's Musician of the Year for 2007.

This performance is part of Mr. Haitink's fall residency in Chicago, which also includes three weeks of subscription programming with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The residency kicks off October 18-23 when he conducts the CSO in Mahler's Symphony No. 6 and Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll*. For his second week of subscription programming, on October 25-27, Mr. Haitink and the Orchestra are joined by pianist Emanuel Ax for Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2, Mozart's Symphony No. 25 and the world premiere of *Chicago Remains* by CSO Mead Composer-in-Residence Mark-Anthony Turnage. The fall residency concludes on November 8-10 with a program including Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe* and Poulenc's *Gloria*, featuring the Chicago Symphony Chorus in the first performances of their 50th anniversary season.

Complete program information follows:

Sunday, November 4, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Pre-concert Conversation, 6 p.m. CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF CHICAGO

Bernard Haitink, Conductor

BEETHOVEN *Leonore* Overture No. 3

SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 10 in E Minor, Op. 93

Sponsored by the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation. This performance is free. Tickets are required. For more information, please call CSO Ticketing at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or visit the CSO's Web site at [cso.org](http://cso.org) or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604.



Photos (courtesy of Burns Photography)

Paweski as Guerin: Sr. Sue Paweski, S.P. dressed as Mother Guerin performs for the Providence Catholic student body.

### Providence Catholic celebrates St. Mother Theodore Guerin

On October 3, Providence Catholic High School celebrated the first feast day of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, who was canonized last year. Several Sisters of Providence and many women who graduated from the original Providence High School in Joliet attended this special Mass, in which Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A. presided. Towards the end of Mass, Sr. Sue Paweski, S.P. dressed as Mother Guerin in an original Sisters of Providence habit and, with an authentic French accent, related her life story to the PCHS student body. The performance was flawless and had the students enthralled from start to finish.

Following the mass, all of the Sisters and alumni proceeded to the front lobby of the school, where Fr. Richard McGrath, O.S.A. blessed a new shrine to Mother Guerin and dedicated a plaque honoring the Sisters of Providence who have

served at Providence Catholic High School. After the ceremony, all of the special guests enjoyed refreshments in the school library while they reminisced about "the good old days."

Mother Theodore (Anne-Therese) Guerin, who was born in France in 1798, entered the Sisters of Providence order in 1823. In 1840, she led a group of five Sisters of Providence to the United States to establish a motherhouse and novitiate in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana and to educate the pioneer children. In 1918, the Sisters of Providence took over St. Mary Academy, a girls' high school located on the corner of Cass and Ottawa Streets in Joliet, and renamed it Providence High School. The original school building was eventually condemned, and in 1962, the new Providence High School opened in New Lenox at the present location of Providence Catholic High School.

### Alsip Approves Sprinkler Ordinance

By Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance at the October 1 Alsip Board of Trustees meeting requiring new construction to be equipped with sprinkler systems. The ordinance also applies to residences doing 50-percent remodeling. The systems will operate in a sequential manner the same way as commercial systems operate. The first sprinkler to be triggered will be the one directly over the fire and if the fire spreads, the sprinkler over each hot pocket will be the only one triggered. The sequential pattern of the water flow allows the system to cool the air and the ceiling to help prevent flare-ups; therefore residents may have a better chance of escaping. The residential system however is designed to operate four times faster than commercial systems.

Other highlights: The village once again has been selected as an early voting site. Voting will held from January 14 until January 31 during regular business hours. Additional information may be obtained by calling the village hall at 385-6902. The Southwest Conference of Mayors will be hosting a Hazardous Waste Disposal day on Saturday, October 27 in Oak Forest at 159th Street and Lorain Avenue, for the disposal of such items as batteries, insecticides, paints and other household chemicals.

### Lipinski Helps Pass Four Bills to Protect Children from Unsafe Products

Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski helped pass four bills in the House of Representatives designed to protect children from unsafe products. Among other things, these bills would mandate increased penalties for violations of consumer protection laws and require future recall notifications to be sent directly to affected consumers.

"This is an important first step that Congress is taking to protect our children from unsafe products," said Rep. Lipinski. "In just the past few months, millions of cribs, strollers, toys, and other products from China and elsewhere have been recalled because they were found to be dangerous. Unfortunately, in some cases these products had already caused serious injuries and even death. This legislation will help prevent future tragedies."

The four bills approved by the House are:

- H.R. 814, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act - protects children from death or serious injury from burn hazards by requiring the same child-resistant caps for all gasoline containers, whether sold with or without gasoline.

- H.R. 1699, Danny Keays Child Product Safety Notification Act - protects children from unsafe cribs, high chairs, and other durable infant and toddler products by requiring direct consumer notification of recalls of these products.

- H.R. 2474, Product Safety Civil Penalties Improvement Act - increases the maximum civil penalty for violations of the Consumer Product Safety Act from \$1.82 million to \$10 million over two years.

- H.R. 1721, Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act - protects children from drowning by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers in pools and spas and by creating a swimming pool safety grant program to encourage states to adopt comprehensive safety laws.

Later this fall, the House of Representatives is expected to consider further consumer-safety legislation which will include bans on lead in children's products and mandatory third party testing for compliance with safety standards.

"Parents should not have to worry about whether products they bought for their children are safe," said Lipinski. "We must continue to strengthen our consumer protection laws and keep the pressure on this Administration to enforce our laws."



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Oak Lawn students to perform "West Side Story".

### Oak Lawn Community High School Presents "West Side Story"

The Oak Lawn Drama Program is well-known for being one of the top drama programs on the south side. In past years, the team has come home from the drama state competition with several medals, including 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

West Side Story, a modern twist on Romeo and Juliet, features a spectacular student cast, which includes Susanna Zwirkoski (Oak Lawn) as Maria, Thomas March (Oak Lawn) as Tony, Nicholas Pontillo (Oak Lawn) as Bernardo, and Jason Vasquez (Oak Lawn) and Scott Barber (Oak Lawn) as Riff. Other cast members are Gianni Adorno (Oak Lawn), Danielle Arnold (Oak Lawn), Carissa Banich (Oak Lawn), Sophia Barakat (Oak Lawn), Robert Beland (Oak Lawn), Matthew Capriola (Oak Lawn), Lauren Cassidy (Oak Lawn), Kimberly Cerf (Oak Lawn), Alexander Chigas (Bridgeview), Louis Crothers (Hometown), Samantha Dawe (Oak Lawn), Vanessa DeLatorre (Oak Lawn), Amanda Eversole (Oak Lawn), Claire Ford (Oak Lawn), Marillia Gallegos (Oak Lawn), Brendan Getches (Oak Lawn), Michael Ghazarian (Oak Lawn), Mario Gomez (Oak Lawn), Maria Grana (Oak Lawn), Andrew Green (Oak Lawn), Jacquelyn Heidegger (Oak Lawn), Rosalie Hincks (Oak Lawn), Danielle Kita (Oak Lawn), Heather Kita (Oak Lawn), John Lamberger (Oak Lawn), Jessica Lundstrom (Oak Lawn), Dakota Major (Oak Lawn), Gabrielle Metzger (Oak Lawn), Amanda Meza (Oak Lawn), Michelle Moyer (Oak Lawn), Thomas Patrick Murphy (Oak Lawn), Thomas Gerard Murphy (Oak Lawn), Jeremy Naser (Chicago Ridge), Jennifer Nudo (Oak Lawn), Conor O'Brien (Oak Lawn), Stephanie O'Sullivan (Oak Lawn), Michael Olsson (Oak Lawn), Erik Pauliks (Oak Lawn), Melissa Pauliks (Oak Lawn), Ashley Peterson (Oak Lawn), Samantha Ringberg (Oak Lawn), Jennifer Sloan (Oak Lawn), Carley Sullivan (Oak Lawn), Nicholas Szurgot (Chicago Ridge), Jeny Tan (Oak Lawn), Elizabeth Theiss (Oak Lawn), Anthony Vargas (Oak Lawn), Jonathan Waterstraat (Oak Lawn), John Wheaton (Oak Lawn), Ryan Wiederhold (Bridgeview), and Antonio Zhiurinkas (Chicago Ridge).

There will also be a matinee teachers' performance, starring Mrs. Meredith McGuire as Maria, Mr. Billy Denton as Tony, Mr. Brian Frangella as Bernardo, and Mr. Brian Clifton as Riff. Other cast members are Ms. Erika Buys, Mrs. Patricia Casey, Mrs. Margaret Darnell, Mr. Tom Dzurison, Mr. Bill Gerny, Mrs. Jennifer Jepsen, Mr. David Jodelka, Mrs. Brenda Lynch, Mrs. Kathy McWhorter, Mrs. Faith Nelson, Mrs. Jodi Newton, Mrs. Mary Kay Nichols, Mr. Michael Riordan, Ms. Sandra Tadyeh, Ms. Araceli Torres, Ms. Natalia Venturini, Ms. Amy Vetter, Mrs. Janice Voight, Mrs. Jenni-

### Harvest Farm happenings

• Join the Oak Lawn Park District for this festive pre-Thanksgiving event at the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 West 103rd Street, on Saturday, November 17. This fun and educational evening will begin with a light meal at 4:30pm followed by stories of the Native American past. Learn traditions and life styles as told by folktale artist Laurie Snaer. Fee is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Fee includes buffet and entertainment. A cash bar will be available. Registration is required. Registration deadline is November 9. Doors open at 4:15pm. For more information contact Pat at 708-857-2225.

• A Christmas Carol - The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of A Christmas Carol will run at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., for two consecutive weekends: November 9-11 and November 16-18. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 pm and Sunday shows are at 3:00 pm. Tickets for the November production are available at the Oak View Center. Prices are \$19 for adult and \$18 for seniors and children.

For more information call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

• Greenhouse Groupies - It's getting cold outside! Why not continue digging in the dirt all winter? Do you enjoy caring for plants in a greenhouse setting? Do you have experience and skills to share? This program is for you! Greenhouse Groupies cares for plants for next spring's planting and propagation of new plants. Learn care and propagation techniques from the Park District Horticulturist. Meetings will be held once or twice a week. If you are interested in volunteering in the park district greenhouse, please contact

Dolly Foster at 708-857-2225.

• Local Exposure - Are you in a teen band? Do you need a local place to show off your music and talent? Then get a show at the Basement this fall! This is the perfect opportunity for you music lovers to listen and share your talent with other musicians your age in the Oak Lawn area. To set up a Friday or Saturday night time for your group, send a demo and contact information to Colleen at the Oak View Center and/or call 857-2200 or email [cogorman@olparks.com](mailto:cogorman@olparks.com)

• Lockport Lock-In for 6th-8th grade - Join the Oak Lawn Park District and kids from other local park districts on Saturday, November 10 for the Extreme Lock In. This overnight lock in will be held as a co-op with other south suburban parks in the area at the new Challenge Fitness Center in Lockport, IL. There will be all night dodgeball games, swimming, dance dance revolution and a dj playing the hottest hits. Pizza, snacks and drink will also be provided. Fee for the lock in is \$25. For more information contact Colleen O'Gorman at 708-857-2200.

### Evergreen Park approves car wash

The village board approved an ordinance at the Oct. 15 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting which amends the section a chapter of the municipal code by adding a class E license which is for restaurant consumption of beer or wine on the premises. The total number of licenses however will remain the same as the prior amount.

An ordinance for a special use permit was also approved. The ordinance is in regards to a parking variance that reduces the minimum number of off street parking spaces to 9 in order to allow the construction of a self-service car wash at the Evergreen Car Wash, 3501 W. 95th Street. The car wash will operate until 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. All lighting on the premises will be installed in a manner so as not be an annoyance to adjoining residential properties and the pavement outside of the

building will be heated and drained in order to prevent the accumulation of ice during the winter months.

Other highlights; Mayor James Sexton congratulated the fire department for receiving the Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Fires Safety Institute for not having any fatalities in the village for 2006. Curbside leaf pickup has begun - the village encourages residents to dispose of leaves in yard waste containers: only the excess leaves should be raked to the curb. The village is also encouraging able-bodied residents to use the green compost containers. Container pick up is scheduled to conclude on December 15. The annual Pumpkin Smash will be held on Saturday November 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. additional information may be obtained by calling the village hall at 422-1551. The Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce Harvest Dinner honoring Larry Kelly will be held on Friday November 2. Additional information regarding this event may be obtained by calling the chamber at 423-1118.

The Holiday's will be here soon. Call Linda at 708-423-9754 to advertise

### The Honorable William M. Daley to receive Shield of Saint Xavier

Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley will receive the Shield of Saint Xavier at the 23rd Annual President's Scholarship Ball on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Hilton Chicago.

"The Shield of Saint Xavier is the University's highest distinction. It is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and service to the greater Chicago community, especially to the city's

Catholic institutions," wrote SXU President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., in her letter of invitation to Daley. "We believe that your leadership and service to our nation and to this city, your life and achievements exemplify the ideals of Saint Francis Xavier, Mother Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy."

Daley became the head of JPMorgan Chase's Office of Corporate Social Responsibility in June 2007, overseeing and coordinating

the firm's global strategy and efforts in government affairs, public policy, charitable giving, and environmental and community affairs. He also continues his roles as the firm's Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Midwest Region and as Chairman of JPMorgan Chase Foundation.

He serves on the Boards of Directors of Abbott Laboratories and The Boeing Company. He also serves on the boards of The Art Institute of Chicago. The black-tie event is open to the public. For information or reservations please contact (773) 298-3311 or [specialevents@sxu.edu](mailto:specialevents@sxu.edu)



## Lipinski Introduces Bill to Partner Science Museums and Energy Labs to Improve Education

### Act Would Provide \$80 Million to Promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education

Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3), Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, introduced H.R. 3955, a bill that would help team up science museums and national energy labs in order to improve science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. The Science Museum and National Laboratory Partnership Demonstration Act would establish a competitive grant program at the Department of Energy (DOE) to fund educational partnerships between science museums and national energy laboratories.

"America's energy labs are conducting groundbreaking work on issues such as energy independence and global climate change," stated Lipinski. "And our science museums are playing a vital educational role, interpreting and conveying complex scientific information for the general public. Working together the labs and museums could do an even better job educating the public — especially children — in the STEM fields while helping to develop a better understanding of the critical work occurring at the labs."

The bill, which authorizes \$80 million over four years, would fund scientific exhibits and educational programs to teach young people in important STEM disciplines, helping to promote careers in fields that are essential to a more competitive and innovative America. The educational partnerships would also be instrumental in showcasing the crucial investments made by American taxpayers at DOE energy labs.

"Having grown up in Chicago I will always look back fondly on my visits to the Museum of Science and Industry," said Lipinski. "Those trips helped get me interested in science, engineering and math, encouraged me to get my engineering degrees, and continue to inspire my work on issues in Congress such as alternative energy and American technological competitiveness."

"The Museum of Science and Industry is excited about the possibility of establishing a federal grant program to help the American public better understand the incredible scientific achievements occurring at Department of Energy National Laboratories," stated David Mosena, President of the Museum of Science and Industry. "Our museum continues to benefit and learn from our partnership with Argonne National Lab. I look forward to working with Congressman Dan Lipinski, the lead sponsor of this bill, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., our representative in Congress, and other Members to advance this bill during the 110th Congress."

Joining Rep. Lipinski as original cosponsors of the bill are Illinois Reps. Biggert, Costello, Hastert, Jackson, Jr., and Kirk.

## Rep. Lipinski follows through on friendly wager on the Cubs-Diamondbacks-Playoff Series

Earlier this month, Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) and Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ) made a friendly wager on the divisional playoff baseball series between the Chicago Cubs and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Each Member offered a popular product from their hometown. Rep. Pastor wagered red chile tamales and Rep. Lipinski wagered pizza from Home Run Inn.

Today, following the Cubs' loss, Congressman Lipinski made good on his bet and delivered five Home Run Inn Pizzas to Rep. Pastor's office.

"I am disappointed that I did not get to enjoy Arizona red chile tamales but I am even more disappointed to see the Cubs' World Series drought extend another year," said Rep. Lipinski. "At least Rep. Pastor and his staff get a taste of great pizza from Chicago. And, like all Cubs fans, I will once again say wait 'till next year."

Palos Hills is proud to present the two loveliest sculptures in their village. The presentation at the grand opening recently brings not only joy to those who enter the building, but those who participate in the services the library provides.

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## Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

### Rules of the Road

A representative from the Secretary of State's office will be at the Center on Tuesday, November 6th from 10 a.m. to Noon to conduct a Rules of the Road Review Course.

The course is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence to pass a driver's license renewal exam. Preregistration is required.

### Needs of the Elderly

On Friday, November 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. representatives from Age Options invite you to attend a "Needs of the Elderly Hearing" which will take place at the Senior Center. They together with a network of organizations connect older adults with a wide range of services and programs. They include in-home care and adult day service; telephone and in-person assistance; resources and education; and nutrition and healthcare programs.

### One-man show

Monday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. entertainer, multi-instrumental and showman

Johnny Gray will share his many talents. He is also known at the "finest one man show".

After his performance tickets to the Christmas party on December 10th will be distributed and you must have a ticket to attend the

party.

### Box lunch day

Thurs. November 29th is Box Lunch Day sponsored by Dr. James Hogg, whose office is located at 10232 South Central. Dr. Hogg is a dentist and former instructor for the University of Illinois Dental School. He will speak about obstructive sleep apnea disorder and demonstrate the dental appliance used to treat mild to moderate cases. The must see presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and bingo. The cost is \$3.00 and seating is limited.

The Senior Center is located at 5330 West 95 Street and can be reached at 708-499-0240.

Stop by for a schedule of events.

### Free Blood Pressure Screening

On the first and third Wednesdays of the month the Oak Lawn Paramedics visit the Senior

Center to take blood pressure readings for residents. They begin at 10:00 a.m. and remain

at the Center until all are tested. The Center is located at 5330 West 95 Street. We thank

the Paramedics for this wonderful service.

### Exercise Programs

Regular exercise has been found to improve agility, coordination and overall flexibility. At the Senior Center two exercise pro-

grams are offered. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a low impact aerobics class is offered. Along with the aerobics for cardio, there are resistance exercises with light weights and exercises with stretching for flexibility.

The cost of the ten week session is \$16.00.

On Friday mornings from 11:00 to 11:45 a mild exercise program takes place. This program of low-intensity exercises is designed for physically inactive seniors who may be limited in their mobility. The cost of this ten week session is \$13.00.

If you are interested in either of the classes please call the Center at 499-0240 or stop by at 5330 West 95 Street to view a class in progress.

Remember, exercise builds endurance, posture and balance.

## Kennedy Airport needs a USO.

Recently I attended a cooking cuisine class in Santa Domenica, Calabria, Italy.

Before I arrived in that beautiful village, I traveled to Kennedy Airport in New York. To my amazement I was told by one of the Army Personnel that there was not a USO at Kennedy since last year. There also is not a USO at LaGuardia Airport.

The same fellow continued talking about his tours in Afghanistan and how he was going back again. My remark was surely a USO would be helpful to you. I mentioned how I started a USO at Midway.

He asked if I would start up a USO. I said we would support him. Please call Sen. Hillary Clinton at 212-688-6262 and Mayor Bloomberg at 212-788-0010 and ask them to support a USO at Kennedy and LaGuardia.

## Doody's Doodlings

by Marijo Doody

### St Germaine receives Blue Ribbon

At a recent bridge game, I heard Kevin Reedy, principal at St Germaine School was overjoyed at the news that St Germaine School was selected for a Blue Ribbon Award. It was an award by the judges as one of the 50 schools selected in the United States for the award on academics. His secretary, Winnie told me as she was busy cutting Blue Ribbons. The presentation is slated in Washington DC. Congratulations Kevin from the VVN.

### Southwest Symphony Education Concert a success

The recent education concert by SSO at Trinity College was a huge success. Over 1100 grammar school students, teachers and adults (parents) from over a dozen regional schools partook in the educational outreach.

Children's artwork was presented in a power point display during the music. The folks all had smiles and the children enjoyed themselves. David Crane, music director, conducted SSO with the various sections featured for the students to hear individual instruments. "Hi Ho Silver!" was a big hit on the trumpet. Parents may have to get earplugs as many children liked percussion. Children were bussed in from the respective schools. The program was coordinated by the Southwest Symphony Board.

### Three cheers for the Vets

It was noted by one of the Women's Auxiliary members of Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854 that all proceeds from fundraisers and most recently the Spaghetti Dinner, go to funding at Heine's Hospital for the vets. Last year funds to the tune of over \$5000 outfitted a breathing room and this year they are redoing a room with funds. Now more than ever we need to remember the war heroes. Cheers for the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Corp and Coast Guard. Village View offers prayers for those serving now in harms way. My nephew ships out next week on the carrier USS Truman. He is Lt. Cmdr. Matt Duffy USN.

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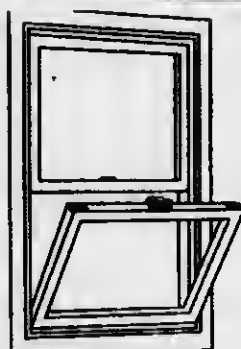
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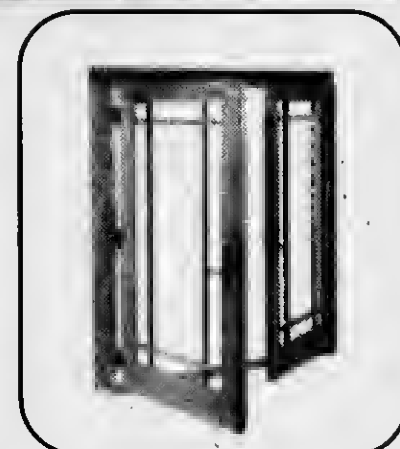
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## When did you make a conscious choice to live an unhealthy life?

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Excuses, I have heard plenty of them, some are creative and some are just plain ridiculous. Most of them are used everyday to justify not having to make the effort to improve your health and well being. Excuses provide an easy way to avoid exercising. The faster you work towards eliminating them, the closer you'll be to living a healthier more active life.

Let's take a look at some of the more common ones and how to overcome them. What is the #1 excuse used to skip exercise?

I don't have the time. Truth is, we know we all have the same amount of time in a day. You don't have to be at the gym for 2 hours everyday. You can set aside 10 minute periods if needed. Is a 10 minute workout going to benefit you? I could give you a challenging workout that will get your heart pumping too without any equipment; you move through it, don't waste time and it's done.

I am too tired and just don't have the energy to exercise (which is just about every working mom's challenge). You have to make that first leap, it won't be easy, but give it a month and you will start to reap the benefits. the endorphins start to kick in, you feel more energized, in a better mood

and when you feel good, it motivates you to keep going.

I belong to a gym but I hate to go, its so intimidating, everybody seems to already be in shape and I just don't know what to do or where to start. The first place to start is to determine whether the gym is comfortable enough for you. I train the clients in my private studio that don't like the gym. If you do feel comfortable enough, a great place to start is to hire a trainer, even if it's for a month or so. They can guide and show you how to use the equipment safely. Don't be intimidated; everyone was a gym virgin at one point.

I just do cardio because I don't want to bulk up. Women don't bulk up and all women should do strength training to increase bone mass as well. For a well rounded workout you should do cardio, strength training, flexibility and proper nutrition is important as well.

I've never exercised before and I'm too old to start now. It's never too late to get started as long as your doctor says it's ok. Exercise is an ageless activity and it's the closest thing we may have to the fountain of youth. It may not be able to erase those age lines but it will increase your energy level, help you lose weight, reduce stress and allow you to live longer, healthier and boost your confidence.

I believe that exercise is the best medicine for helping us age gracefully! Stop making excuses. The motivation has to come from within, only you can develop the drive to exercise regularly. Get fit, stay healthy and enjoy life!

## Richards community to host benefit for ailing artist

The Richards High School community will organize a benefit on Saturday, November 3 at Gaelic Park for ailing alumnus and nationally acclaimed artist Michael Setlak.

Setlak, who painted the mural of Dwyane Wade that hangs in the school's gymnasium, has contracted glioblastoma, the most common and most aggressive form of brain tumor. Michael is self



## Commissioner Avila speaks before the Orland Park O.W.L.S.

Commissioner Frank Avila, with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Christ Lutheran Church O.W.L.S., Thursday, November 8 at 10:30 am at Christ Lutheran Church, 14700 S. 94<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Orland Park. Arlette Zimmerman, coordinator, announced that the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD including the Deep Tunnel Project.

Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of IL, Champaign-Urbana and a master of science from the University of Arizona.

employed with no insurance. The benefit will help offset the artist's mounting medical bills. He survived emergency surgery, but now faces unpaid bills.

Setlak has distinguished himself in recent years as an illustrator of Wade, Shaquille O'Neal, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Lance Armstrong, Derrek Lee, Joe Montana, Peyton Manning, Muhammad Ali, and many others. To view his work, please visit [www.michaeljosephart.com](http://www.michaeljosephart.com).

The benefit will include food, a cash bar, raffles, music, a silent auction of sports memorabilia, and a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament. Poker begins at 3 p.m., and the benefit starts at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Gaelic Park is located at 6119 W. 147<sup>th</sup> Street in Oak Forest. People can order tickets by calling Jim Henington at 708-309-5245 or contacting him at [jscb4@aol.com](mailto:jscb4@aol.com).

Make Breakfast A Daily Habit

(NAPSA)-Here's food for thought: Breakfast is widely known as the most important meal of the day, yet an ABC News poll found that nearly 40 percent of adults usually skip breakfast entirely. And more than half of all break-

fast meals are consumed in 10 minutes or less, according to a study by The NPD Group, a provider of market research information.

Research shows that eating breakfast every day contributes to increased attention and performance. Specifically, a 2005 study featured in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association shows that breakfast consumption may improve cognitive function related to memory, test grades and school attendance.

Fortunately, nutrition consultant Elizabeth Ward, MS, RD and author of "The Pocket Idiot's Guide to the New Food Pyramids," says

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Ph.D., RD, president and CEO of Produce for Better Health Foundation.

Ward also offers these ideas for quick breakfasts "on the go": A whole-grain piece of toast with peanut butter;

A smoothie made with 100 percent orange juice and non-fat yogurt;

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## Two Penny Social

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 South Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn will be holding their Annual Two Penny Social, on November 11, 2007 beginning at 5:00 p.m. There will be hundreds of prizes raffled off by the end of the evening.

There is no entrance fee. Food will be available as well as a Bake Table. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 for 100 tickets. It will be a night of fun and socializing with a chance to walk away with some treasures. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Drawing begins at 6:00 p.m..

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## Delta to launch service to Malaga

**Airline to Offer up to Five Weekly Non-stops from JFK to Southern Spain**

History and culture buffs, devotees of flamenco, and foodies who enjoy delicious cuisine will all be very pleased. Next year, Delta Air Lines will inaugurate non-stop service to Málaga in the Andalusian region of southern Spain. Starting June 4,

Delta will offer three flights a week on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York to the Pablo Picasso International Airport in Málaga (AGP.) Return flights from Málaga to JFK will depart on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Delta will increase service to five flights a week on July 8. Featuring two-class service aboard Boeing 767-300 aircraft, there will be 46 seats in Delta's award-winning Business Elite business class and 138 in economy class. On the return flight, both classes will also be available on the 174-seat Boeing 757-200 aircraft.

Often called the "soul" of Spain, this region resonates with history. Visitors can experience the rich mix of cultures - Christian, Moorish and Jewish - which played such an important role in making Spain the great country it is today. Córdoba, a renowned center of learning under the Moors, has the exquisite Mezquita - once the world's grandest mosque - and the Juderia, the city's old Jewish Quarter. Granada has the magnificent Alhambra and its lush Generalife gardens. Seville boasts the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, the famed Giralda tower, the sumptuous Mudéjar-style Alcázar and the picturesque Barrio de Santa Cruz. Ronda, one of the most spectacularly-sited of the pueblos

blancos, or white villages, has the oldest bullring in Spain. And the country's well-known sherry cellars can be found in Jerez de la Frontera, which is also home to the Royal School of Equestrian Art. The region has hundreds of miles of beautiful coastline and sandy beaches on the Costa del Sol, Costa de la Luz and the Costa de Almería and the highest peaks on the Iberian Peninsula are found in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

"Málaga is the gateway to Andalusia, one of Spain's most popular destinations for Americans. With Delta's new service, they will now be able to travel there faster and more conveniently," said Javier Piñanes, director of the Tourist Office of Spain in New York.

Delta Air Lines' flight #162 will depart JFK at 5:05 PM, arriving in Málaga the following morning at 7:00 AM. The return flight, Delta #163, departs Málaga at 9:30 AM, arriving back into JFK at 11:50 AM. Delta has been serving Spain for more than 15 years. The airline also offers daily flights to Madrid (MAD) and Barcelona (BCN) from New York and Atlanta (ATL).

For further information about Delta contact [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com). For further information about Spain contact your travel provider or the Tourist Office of Spain in New York (212-265-8822); Miami (305-358-1992); Chicago (312-642-1992) or Los

## Trinity Lutheran Church Craft Fair

Come to our 21st Annual Craft Fair at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 South Brandt Ave., 2 blocks west of Cicero Ave. in Oak Lawn, IL.

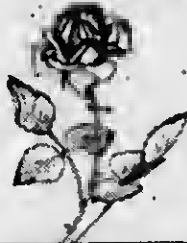
The Craft Fair is November 3, 2007 from 9am to 3pm. with professional crafters. The delightful surprise is a beautiful Christmas room filled with home decor and gift items, greeting cards, and wrapping paper. We are also having a white elephant sale with new and nearly new items.

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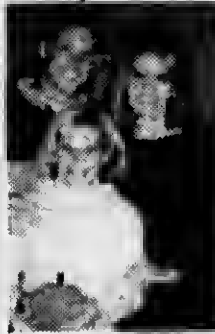
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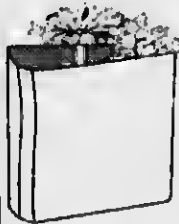
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spaces that are more becoming to the changed situation," said the couple's decorator at INTERIORS by Decorating Den.



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After ignoring their bedroom for almost 20 years, two of her clients decided it was high time to reward themselves with the modern romantic retreat they had always longed for.

With that in mind, the decorator developed a palette of black, beige, brown and ivory, which she then pumped up with shots of red. To make the room more serene, she painted the entire space in the same color. Replacing the old shade above the bed with an arched wood shutter, fitted with adjustable slats, allowed natural light to fill the space.

Elegant red silk draperies mounted high on the wall drew the eye up to the vaulted ceiling. Touches of faux animal skins ramped up the "cool" quotient.

"Now my clients can't wait to get home at the end of the day," said the couple's decorator. "What the decorator created for them was a sublime atmosphere for falling in love all over again."

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## Pads supported by a benefit

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for PADS at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 104th & Kostner in Oak Lawn, Saturday, November 10, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Proceeds to be donated to PADS Transitional Housing Program.

Join us for food and fun! Tickets are \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child. To purchase your tickets stop at or call the church, (708) 423-6554, weekdays between 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

## Library Salutes Oak Lawn Veterans

This Veteran's Day weekend, November 10-11, the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will unveil a new exhibit and conduct free public programming that explores the local veteran connection in 20th century military conflicts, from WWI to the Persian Gulf War.

Saturday, November 10 at 12 noon, members of the community are invited to attend "Making History: The Oak Lawn Veterans Experience," a multimedia presentation featuring the stories of local veterans given by the library's Local History Coordinator Dr. Maureen Gilligan in the lower level meeting room. Afterwards, the library will host the grand opening of the Oak Lawn Veterans History Project exhibit in the Local History Room from 1-5 p.m. This exhibit will run through May 2008.

Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m., a Veterans Day ceremony will take place at the Village of Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial, located behind the library. This event

is hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Johnson-Phelps Post #5220, and the American Legion, Post 757. Additional activities will follow at the VFW hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. That same day, the library's new veteran exhibit will be open to the public from 1-5 p.m.

For additional information, visit the library's "Veterans History Project" page at their web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) or call 708-422-4990.

## South-Southwest Suburban United Way Hosts an Agency Forum for its Community Partners

On Monday, October 15, 2007, over 30 community agencies assembled for South-Southwest Suburban United Way's Agency Forum. The forum was an opportunity for Board Members and staff to network with the various agencies that deliver programs to address the greatest challenges in the South-Southwest Suburban region.

"United Way is happy to fund the wonderful programs our partner agencies provide to address health and human services issues such as youth empowerment, health & wellness, self-sufficiency and crisis support," said Lisa Bly, Chief Professional Officer, South-Southwest Suburban United Way. "This important event also introduced United Way's new transition to community impact, which is an effort to address critical issues before their on-

set."

United Way provides the leadership and resources it takes to help people overcome life's challenges and achieve self-sufficiency. It works to understand the needs in the South-Southwest Suburban area, and then funds a network of programs to address those needs. United Way holds itself and its partner programs accountable for delivering results to ensure that your contributions make the greatest impact possible.

Supporting United Way is the most effective way to improve lives and strengthen our community.

## Students in spotlight for tribute to veterans community welcome

For the fifth straight year, District 218 will salute American veterans with a tribute open to the public on Friday, November 9 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the Administrative Center, located at 10701 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

Admission is free, but those who wish to attend must call 708-424-2000, ext. 2570 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited for this event.

Unlike past years when veterans spoke, students will pay tribute to family members who served during times of war. They researched the personal histories of veteran family members and have developed their findings into speeches.

As part of the event, the district will publish a booklet featuring photographs and biographical information of the students' family members. The ceremony also will feature colorguard

services by the U.S. Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program from Eisenhower and a reception afterward.

In previous years, the district honored its alumni who died in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Last year, the event recognized any alumni who served in the military at anytime.



## Commissioner Meany will be honored

Commissioner Kathleen Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago will be honored on November 15, 2007. The event will take place at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 S. Halsted St. from 5 to 7 p.m.

The commissioner was elected to the MWRD in 1990 and re-elected in 1996 and 2002. She has been Vice President of the District since 1994.

Meany has been a teacher for many years with the City Colleges of Chicago. She presently teaches Political Science and holds a bachelor of arts degree from Roosevelt University and a master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

## Moraine Valley Environmental Institute offers November classes

The Environmental Institute at Moraine Valley Community College will offer the following upcoming Green, OSHA and Health and Safety courses.

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Wednesday, November 7 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Learn procedures necessary for the lockout of energy isolating devices whenever maintenance or servicing is done on machines or equipment. Breakfast included.

Current Environmental Issues Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. to noon

An analysis of significant environmental issues and deals with the linkage of energy, environment and economic issues. Topics will include macro sustainable development, pollution prevention, urban sprawl and brownfields, resource efficiency and global climate change.

Introduction to Green Business Saturday, November 17 Noon to 4 p.m.

Business owners, employees and entrepreneurs will learn the basic elements of the "green" business, its application to your business and how to use "green" to improve your company's bottom line.

Renewable Energies—Solar 101 Wednesday, November 28, 8 to 11 a.m.

Designed to give business and homeowners the basics to make an informed decision concerning alternative energy options. This workshop will address how solar energy works, different types of solar heating and electrical systems, cost and value, system policies and incentives.

For information on course offerings or for custom training, visit [www.morainevalley.edu/ei](http://www.morainevalley.edu/ei) or call Workforce Development and Community Services at (708) 974-5735. For more information about Moraine Valley, visit [www.morainevalley.edu](http://www.morainevalley.edu).

## How To Decipher Green Products

(NAPSA)—Today, people are increasingly aware of the health of the environment, and are looking for ways that they can protect and preserve the world around them.

For some, this means

making purchasing decisions based on a desired product's impact on the environment. To help in their cause, companies are incorporating green materials into their products, while also continuing to meet the high standards of quality their customers expect. But what does green mean and how can consumers recognize products made of these materials?

Green or sustainable fabrics are less harmful to the environment than traditional textiles. They are often made of recycled products or from resources that can easily be replenished.

Hemp, organic cotton and wool have been used by apparel manufacturers for years, but there are additional options for consumers in today's marketplace that may not be as familiar.

Used to make socks, polylactic acid (PLA) is developed from starch-rich resources, such as corn, which is biodegradable and 100 percent renewable. Another sustainable resource, bamboo, has been recognized for being absorbent, hypoallergenic, fast drying and breathable.

Retailers are helping to empower their consumers who wish to go green by offering products made of these more environmentally sensitive materials.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), a national outdoor gear and apparel retailer, has offered clothing made of sustainable materials for years, but the company is now making it easier for their customers to recognize those options.

The retailer has introduced an eco-sensitive label that identifies its products that are manufactured with high percentages of recycled, rapidly renewable and/or organic fibers.

More than 40 eco-sensitive items are now available, made of materials such as organic cotton, bamboo, hemp, organic wool, post-industrial recycled polyester, recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic and PLA.

To learn more about eco-sensitive products and material choices that are less harmful to the environment, visit [www.rei.com/ecosensitive](http://www.rei.com/ecosensitive).

Finding products made from environmentally sensitive materials, such as the REI Muir Woods fleece jacket, is easier than ever.

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## Moraine Valley's Fall Reading Series concludes with student presentation

Moraine Valley Community College's Department of Communications, Literature and Languages concludes its Fall Reading Series on Thursday, November 8, with a Student Literary Reading. Students in Creative Writing, Fiction will read a connected series of "micro fiction" pieces—seriously compact stories of no more than 300 words.

The Moraine Valley community, faculty, staff and students are invited to this free event from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., in the Moraine Valley Library, Building L, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

For more information, contact Sandra Beauchamp beauchampS3@morainevalley.edu or (708) 974-5576, or bundy@morainevalley.edu or (708) 974-5762.

## DeLaSalle nominated for a Chicago award

De La Salle Institute Nominated for Chicago Innovation Award De La Salle Institute was recently nominated for a 2007 Chicago Innovation Award for its tablet PC program in which students use computers that have preloaded software and textbooks.

The tablet PC program began at the outset of the 2006-07 school year. Guiding the program is Dr. Jorge Pena, De La Salle's Associate Principal for Learning & Technology. As one of the 250 entities nominated for a 2007 Chicago Innovation Award, De La Salle was honored at a reception at the CME Group's Chicago Board of Trade trading floor,

one of the sponsors of the program created six years ago by Chicago consultancy firm Kuczmariski & Associates and the Chicago Sun-Times.

The goal of the Chicago Innovation Awards is to recognize, educate and inspire. Entering its sixth year, the awards honor Chicago-area businesses and nonprofit organizations that develop the year's most innovative new products and services. An experience like no other, De La Salle offers a quality education in a co-institutional environment that transcends the classroom. Diverse perspectives, Christian values and our tradition provide students an education that lasts a lifetime.

## Mount Assisi Academy Hosts Open Houses

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, will be hosting two Open Houses for prospective students and their families on Sunday, November 4, 2007

from 2 pm to 4 pm and Sunday, November 18, 2007 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

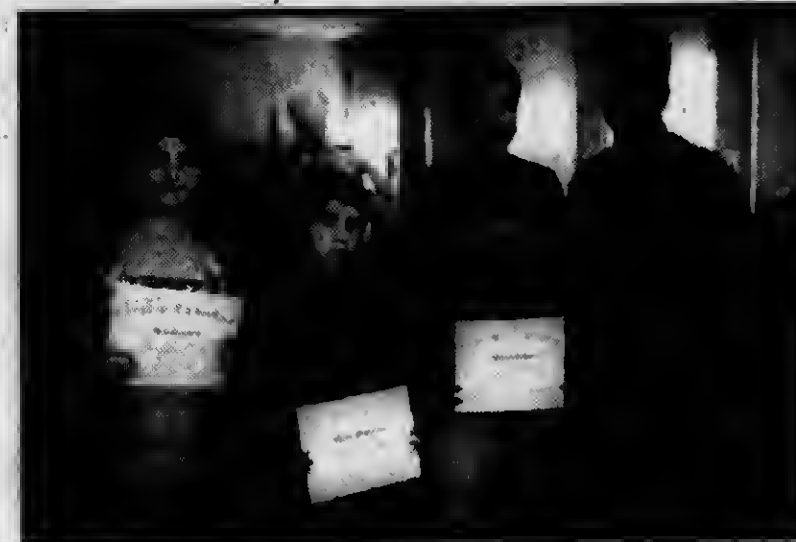
Visitors will receive a guided tour of the school building, meet our exceptionally skilled, dedicated and supportive administration, faculty and staff, and view our breathtaking and scenic campus grounds overlooking suburban Lemont.

Guests will also learn more about the varied college preparatory curriculum that is tailored to meet each student's needs and interests; our tablet computer program; our competitive nine-sport athletic program complete with home playing fields; and over 30 extracurricular award-winning clubs and organizations where leadership opportunities abound.

For over 56 years, Mount Assisi Academy prides itself as the leading single-gender Catholic high school in the southwest suburbs.

We invite you to explore our commitment to education.

For more information on these events, please call (630) 257-7844 or visit [www.mtassisiacademy.org](http://www.mtassisiacademy.org).



Left to right are Nick Heinrichs, (2nd Place), Adrian Dachowski, (1st Place) and Chris Cheatham, (3rd Place). Far right: St. Laurence Art Teacher Frank Loulousis.

## St. Laurence Announces Art Contest Winners

On Saturday, October 20, St. Laurence High School in Burbank hosted an area-wide grade school contest. The following names are the winners: First place-Adrian Dachowski, an eighth grader from Liberty Junior High in Burbank, Second place-Nick Heinrichs, a seventh grader from St. Gerald School in Oak Lawn, Third place-Chris Cheatham, an eighth grader from St. Bernadette School in Evergreen Park.

"We were very pleased with both the turnout of students, and the quality of their work," said St. Laurence Art Teacher Frank Loulousis "It goes to show that there are many talented young artists here in the area."

For more information, please contact Mr. Frank Loulousis, at 708-458-6900 during regular school hours.

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### MEETING GUMBY FACE TO FACE

If you send and receive e-mail then chances are you have seen the occasional red neck humor that makes the rounds every so often. Some jokes can tickle the funny while some pictures are worth a belly laugh. Take for instance the wacky red neck wedding that takes place in a trailer park. The expectant bride, who is dressed in a lavish bridal gown and looks like she's due any day, is holding a cigarette in one hand and a beer in the other. Her groom is right next to her, all decked out in a tux, his mullet hair style sprayed to perfection.

He's holding onto 2 leashes that have full grown Rottweiler dogs attached to each one. He's smiling from ear to ear which makes it easy to count the 5 or 6 teeth in his mouth.

They are happily posing alongside their wedding cake. A two tiered creation of Twinkies stacked atop one another. It's these types of e-mail forwards that make you wonder~ "Do people really live like this?"

Well, recently my friend shared a true account of what her husband witnessed when he was caught right in the middle of a red neck moment. Names have been changed to avoid any embarrassment.

Gracie and George live in a rural part of the country. They live a quiet, somber life filled with their love of nature. One afternoon George had to stop by a client's house who lived way out in the middle of nowhere.

Now, before I go on with the story let me first explain something about George. He is not only a quiet, gentle man he is also a very respectful and reserved individual. Perhaps it is the thought of George's expression that cracks me up everytime I think of his less than perfect predicament. Right on time George shows up at the client's house - we'll call him Gumby.

After knocking on the door a few times George decides to peek in the window and that's when the sideshow begins. Gumby is laying on the kitchen floor, on his belly, reaching for something under the stove. When he realizes George is at the door he hollers for him to 'come on in.'

As George stands there in the kitchen Gumby explains that his false teeth are under the stove. When he can't reach them he goes into another room and returns with a golf club, a putter to be exact, and proceeds to try and retrieve his dentures.

George tries to keep a straight face as he asks the guy how his chompers ended up under the stove in the first place. Gumby's explanation is hilarious. His son had stopped by earlier that morning and they got into a heated argument. Gumby was afraid his son would punch him in the face if the argument intensified so he took out his teeth and tossed them on the table. Instead of landing on the table they bounced off and ended up under the stove. George says that Gumby then stands up, brushes off his dirty blue jeans and demonstrates how he stood up to his son by putting up his dukes in true hill billy style.

Every time I drop an earring and it falls under the bed or dresser I think of Gumby and wonder how George is doing.

There are some jokes that bring a chuckle and then there are real life stories that bring a break out of laughter everytime the thought is brought to mind.

It has been months since this incident took place but, back then, Gracie and I would be online instant messaging and one of us would bring up the adventures of Gumby and giggles and snickers of laughter would follow. That would, in turn, cause Bill to ask, "Are you guys talking about Gumby again?"

Picturing George trying to keep a straight face, while dealing with this unexpectedly comedic situation still causes me to laugh out loud. Gracie and I got a lot of mileage from this real life red neck mishap. You just can't make this stuff up!

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I would like to offer my congratulations to former Vice President Al Gore on his winning the Nobel Peace Prize. What a fitting tribute for a man who has truly raised worldwide consciousness on global warming. It is good to see nations coming together now, and working together now to solve this man-made problem, and trying to secure a healthy, safe environment for our planet's inhabitants.

Despite some extremists dismissing of this award and of global warming- they still cannot accept scientific fact- it was good to see almost everyone feel good about and appreciate this accolade bestowed on Gore. He deserves it, and he has promised to continue to work hard on putting measures in place that would avert a catastrophe in a future generation. Let us hope Gore, still a relatively young man, will see the fruits and benefits of his and his foundation's labors in his lifetime, and that we will all will strive to stop the growing danger of global warming.

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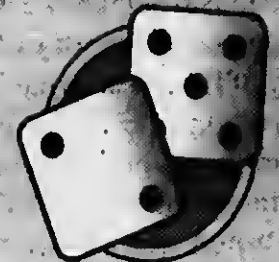
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## Saint Xavier University Flute Choir to perform Nov. 2

University and community flutist to perform

Enjoy an afternoon of classical music with the Saint Xavier University Flute Choir at 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, in the McDonough Chapel, 3700 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., Chicago.

Under the direction of Professor Martha Morris, the ensemble will perform music by Gary Schocker, Lewis A. Kocher, Matt Doran, Tchaikovsky and

Josquin des Prez. Freshman flutist Kedrick Pullums will debut his original composition for flute choir titled "Untethered" during the concert. The choir features a variety of University and community flutists playing a variety of instruments, including C flutes, alto and bass flutes, and the E-flat soprano flute.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and visiting students. Admission is free for all SXU students, faculty and staff with a valid University ID. For more information, please contact the Saint Xavier University music department at (773) 298-3421.

## IIT and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago have joint program

In an unprecedented collaboration between professional dance artists and students of architecture, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC), the internationally acclaimed contemporary dance company, is working with students from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) College of Architecture to create environments for three new works by HSDC choreographers.

Under the joint direction of HSDC Artistic director Jim Vincent and architect and IIT faculty member Dirk

Denison, the 12 undergraduate and graduate students are meeting weekly with the three choreographers, HSDC dancers, technical and production staff to learn more about the art of dance. The students are taking movement classes, observing company rehearsals and attending performances.

The culmination of the project will be a presentation of the three new works in public on Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 5pm in SR Crown Hall on the IIT campus. Tickets are \$35 and available by calling HSDC at 312-850-9744. The most recent performances were the fall program at Harris Theatre for Music and Dance.

HSDC is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year. For more information on HSDC visit the web [www.hubbardstreetdance.com](http://www.hubbardstreetdance.com).

## Trading Myths for Facts about depression and suicide forum to educate teens and parents

Tinley Park IL - Your teenager suddenly has a headache every Sunday night, and seems to be sick every Monday. His grades drop and he's not returning friend's calls. He's having discipline problems, however slight, at school. Your daughter didn't join the cross-country team and decided not to help with the homecoming float this year. You notice she's not wearing makeup anymore, or she's suddenly wearing a lot more than normal.

Is this normal teenage behavior or a symptom of something deeper? Will it just take a little time for them to "snap out of it" or should you explore other options? Is this just a phase, or are these real warning signs? With suicide being the third leading cause of death in teens, should you take a chance?

Join PSC Charity on Sunday November 11 at 11:00 am for 'Mythbusters: Trading Myth For Fact about Depression and Suicide' at Outback Steakhouse, 15608 S Harlem in Orland Park. A buffet of chicken, steak and vegetarian options will be served, and an open forum will separate the facts from the fictions about depression and suicide. Sitting at intimate tables, participants will be prompted by question and answer, truths and myths, to engage in conversations guided by therapists. Survivors are encouraged to share their experience and stories.

This program will help parents separate normal behavior from dangerous warning signs, help teens recognize signs of depression in themselves and in others, give participants a greater understanding of this sometimes fatal mental illness and offer information on how to get help. A donation

of \$20 per person is suggested.

PSC Charity will also be hosting raffles on Sunday, to benefit their mission of providing counseling and therapy for uninsured or underinsured children, families and adults in the Southland. If you or your business would like to make a donation for the raffle, please contact Tammie Hannigan at 877-563-3379, ext 4.

There is limited seating, so please make your reservations and specify menu option by emailing

[info@psccharity.org](mailto:info@psccharity.org) or calling 877-563-3379, ext 4.

## Lincoln scholar's book honored by Chicago Tribune

The 2007 Chicago Tribune Heartland nonfiction Prize-Winner is "The Age of Lincoln" by Orville Vernon Burton. Burton is the son-in-law of George and Sally Butler of Chicago, friends of Village View Publications. Our friends are very excited about Orville.

A sweeping narrative history in the grand tradition, "The Age of Lincoln" by Orville Vernon Burton spans five decades that pivoted around the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. It extends from the age of Jackson to the Progressive Era. Burton is a professor of history and sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.


Burton has synthesized in one work the social, cultural, political, military and economic history of what is perhaps the most transformative period in the nation's existence. In Lincoln, Burton sees a product of Southern culture, a fact that empowered him to conduct a civil war that would redefine freedom as a personal right protected by law.

"The Age of Lincoln" is, in the words of John Hope Franklin, no less than "a remarkable reconsideration of nineteenth century America that seamlessly recounts secession, Civil War and Reconstruction and renders them newly relevant to the twenty-first century."

Burton will lecture on the book Sunday, November 4 from 1-2pm at the Art Institute of Chicago in Rubloff Auditorium. Event cost is \$15. This is event 504 in the Chicago Humanities Festival. For information, visit the web at [www.chfestival.org](http://www.chfestival.org) or call 312-494-9509.

## St. Rita High School Open House Listing


St. Rita of Cascia High School is offering three open houses, on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon - 3 p.m., Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Lastly, St. Rita's Augustinian Academy, there is a special Honors Open House on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m. The location is 7740 S. Western Ave. and there is secure and ample parking on site.



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## Celebrating Current theatre

by Marijo Doody

### Jersey Boys is golden

We're on the red carpet going in and there he is! Frankie Valli is with Bob Gaudio with the TV cameras. Someone says man they are old! Someone else said they are over seventy! Then someone comments that is not old today!

The LaSalle Bank Theatre was turned into a vintage diner off the Jersey highway. You were brought back to the 50's and 60's. We danced to all that music by Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. The cast included Drew Gehling as Bob Gaudio, Jarrod Spector as Frankie Valli, Jeremy Kushnier as Tommy De Vito and Michael Ingersoll as Nick Masso. Spector is great in his playing Frankie from the ages of 16 to 60. The show is not for children due to language.

The music hits we all remember "Sherry", "Walk Like a Man", "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" and "Big Girls Don't Cry" were down memory lane. There certainly were lots of baby outfits sold with the logo "Big Girls Don't Cry." There must be lots of granddaughters. Jersey Boys should not be missed! It is running through April 13, 2008. Call 312-902-1400 for tickets or get them at Broadway in Chicago Box

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### Passion Is at Chicago Shakespeare

Love is sensual, patient, sexy, compassionate, hungry, happy and well being! All these traits are shown in CST's production of "Passion", the 1994 Stephen Sondheim-James Lapine musical that dances between joy and pain. Directed by Gary Griffin, who previously directed "The Color Purple," the audience can see and listen to not only words, but also the rich music of Sondheim. The love triangle is Giorgio (Adam Brazien), Clara (Kathy Voytko) and the invalid Fosea (Ana Gasteyer.) Giorgio is spun into the web with Fosca, who is strongly compelling in her desire. Clara is the mistress who will not leave her husband and child. Sondheim's glorious score takes the form of letters with cello and violin in duet form. There are five in the musician complex.

The most masterful performance is Ana Gasteyer. She starred in "Wicked" and this is different role. Voytko is ravishing when clothed in the period costumes and is a splendid actress. "Passion" runs through November 11 at CST's Upstairs Theatre at Navy Pier. Call 312-595-5600 for tickets.

### Joffrey Ballet stages Giselle

The Joffrey Ballet began the 51<sup>st</sup> season with two firsts.

Ashley Wheaton was introduced as the new Artistic Director appointed September 2007. Wheaton prior associations are with The Royal Ballet, London festival Ballet and San Francisco Ballet.

The first ever production of the romantic ballet "Giselle" was staged by Joffrey for only nine performances at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. "Giselle" is a theatre piece," said Gerald Arpino, Emeritus Artistic Director of Joffrey. Dance, scenery and costumes were exquisite. Superb flowing dance was seen with Victoria Jaiani (Giselle) and her partner, Albrecht (Ternur Suluashvili). They together and separate were a vision of beauty, grace and joy. Marvelous dance was seen in the performances of Valerie Robin, April Daley, Erica-Lynette Edwards, Brian Mc Sween, Jennifer Goodman, Calvin Kitten and Fabricio Calmels. Giselle's friends and the Wilis were all splendid. Get your tickets now for Joffrey's The Nutcracker that runs December 12-30. For information call 312-739-0120 or visit the web www.joffrey.com

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## Scrooge opens in Munster on November 23

A Holiday Favorite Scrooge!, The Musical Opens November 23, 2007 at Theatre at the Center Book, Music and Lyrics by Leslie Briscusse Directed by William Pullinsi Munster, Ind.— Scrooge!, The Musical, the whimsical holiday treat, previews November 15 and will open November 23 at Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road; it closes December 23.

When miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by ghosts of the past, present and future on Christmas Eve, he is threatened with a bitter and lonely future or offered redemption if he changes his selfish ways. The ghosts take Scrooge on a journey through his life and teach him the real meaning of Christmas along the way. Featuring hit songs such as "Thank You Very Much," Scrooge!

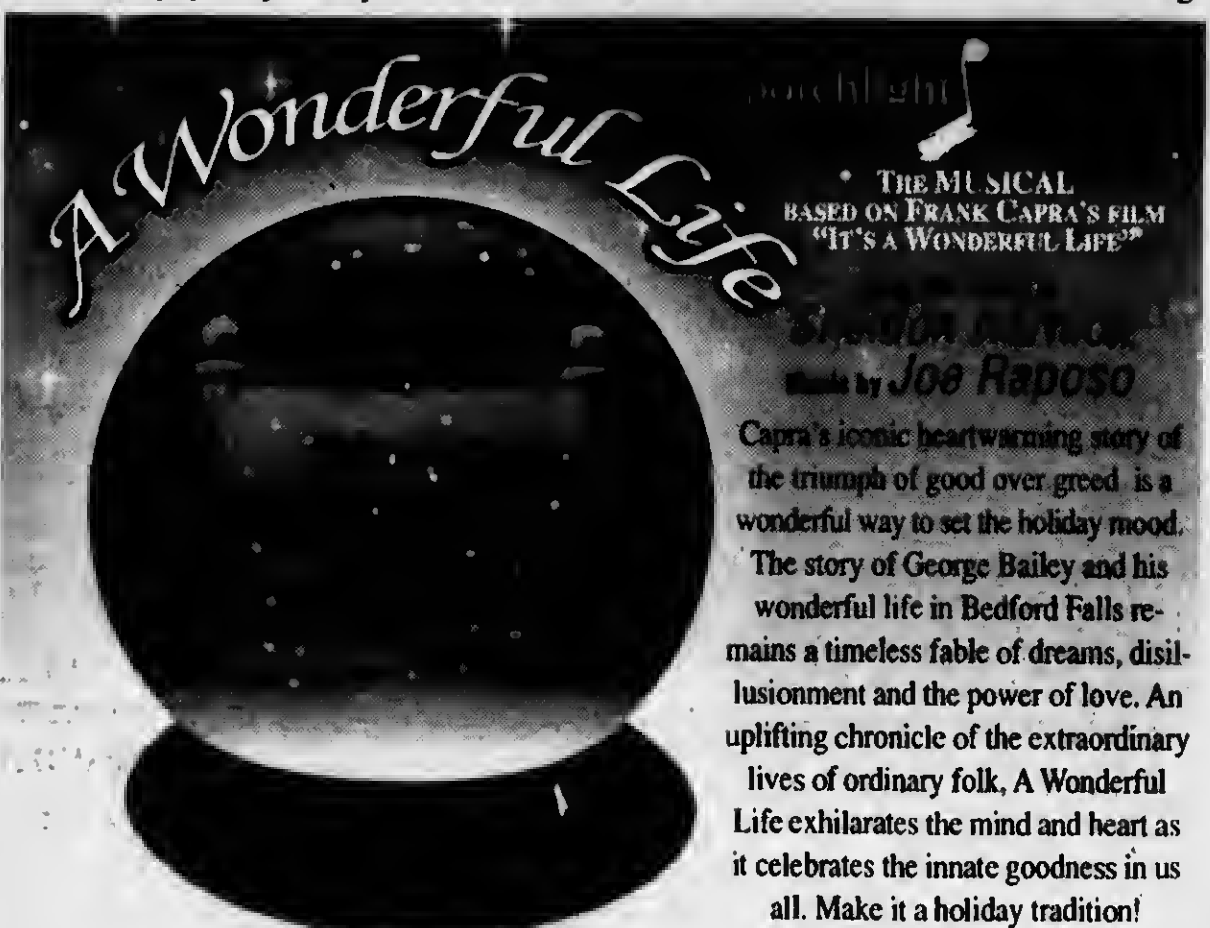
In addition to Direction by William Pullinsi, Choreography is by Stacy Flaster and Musical Direction

is by William A. Underwood.

Founded in 1991, Theatre at the Center is a year-round professional, equity theater at its home, The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana. Theatre at the Center is conveniently located off I-80/94, just 35 minutes from downtown Chicago.

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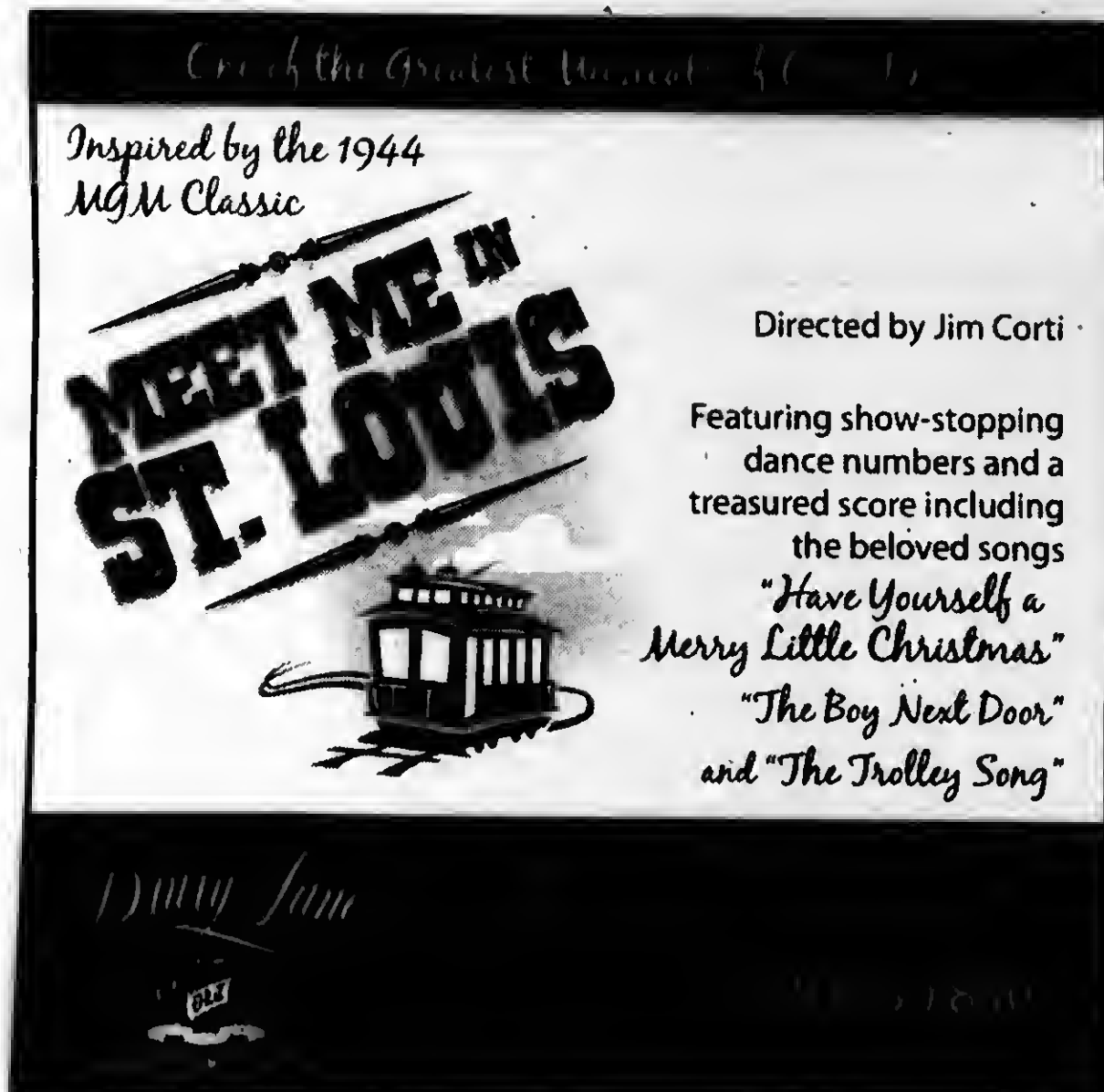
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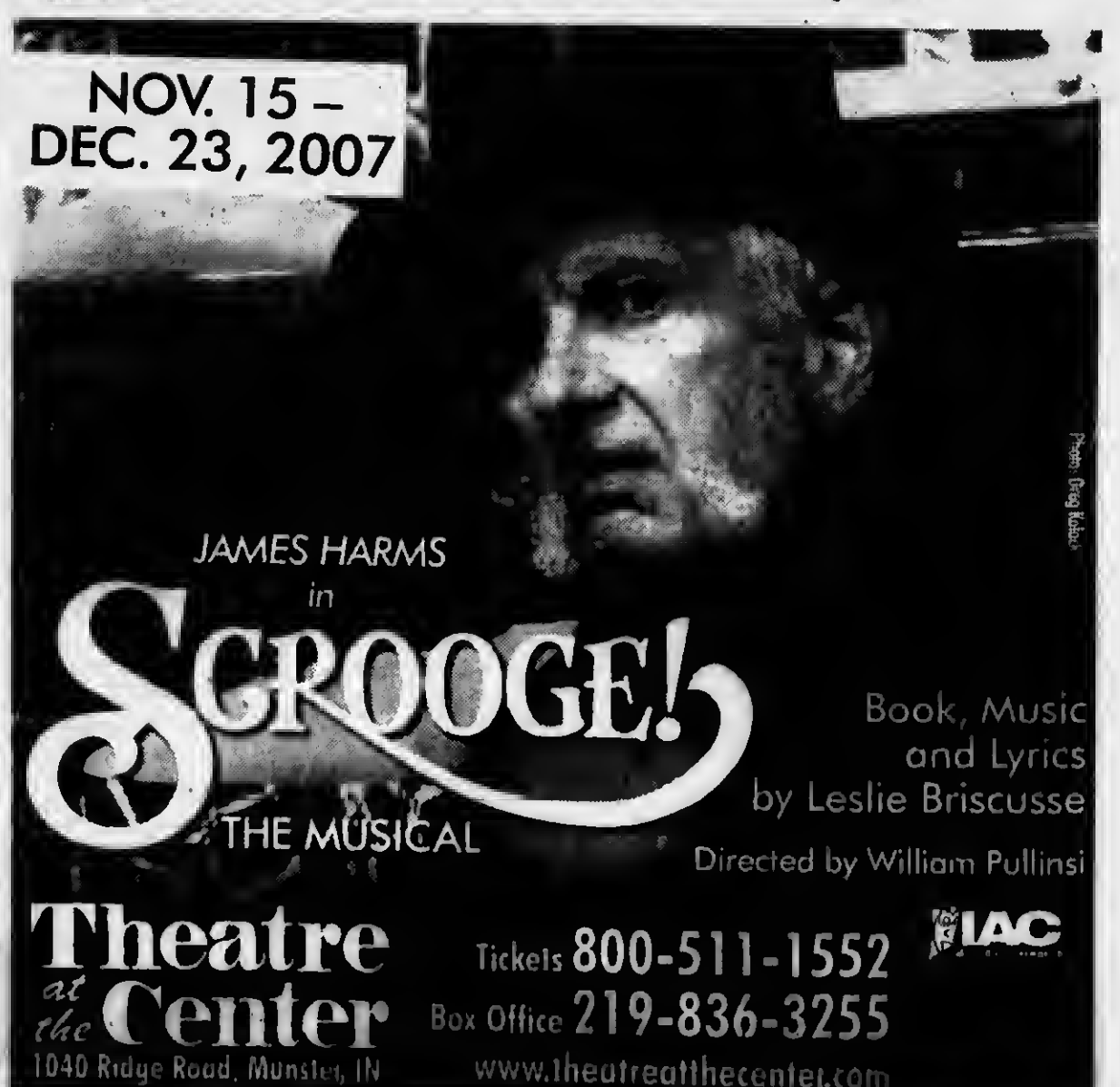
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pumpkins to  
support their  
African trip**

A group of nine Oak  
Lawn Community High  
School students (Junior's  
Matt Deplaris, Pete Buys,  
Brian Jerger, Pat Weisgerber,

Eben Lancerio, and Dan  
Czyz along with  
Sophomore's Andy  
Weisgerber, Rob Gertos,  
and Dennis Evashenk), or-  
ganized a charity pumpkin  
sale throughout the month  
of October to benefit the  
people of Africa.

Every Monday, Wednes-  
day, Friday, Saturday, and  
Sunday these young men  
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gourds, and bales of hay.

On Sundays, pumpkins  
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**Passport Fair at  
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Chicago Ridge Post of-  
fice announces a Passport  
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17, 2007. The fair will open

**Chicago Ridge Library  
holds book discussion**

The Chicago Ridge Public  
Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is host-  
ing a book discussion about  
"Girls of Riyadh" by Rajaa  
Alsanca on Sunday, November-  
4th at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Alsanca  
joined us back in July for her  
first U.S. reading of her fasci-  
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by her visit prompted the audi-  
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October 30, 2007



Providence Early Education Center students learn the importance of fire safety from the New Lenox Fire Department.

### Providence Early Education Center Receives a Lesson on Fire Safety

(New Lenox) The New Lenox Fire Department recently visited Providence Early Education Center (PEEC) to teach students ages 3 to 5, the importance of fire safety. While receiving a tour of an ambulance and fire engine, students were shown all of the equipment and learned what to do in case of an emergency. In addition, students had an opportunity to ask questions and practiced STOP, DROP and ROLL. "The fire department does a great job of teaching the children about fire safety. They know just how to bring a very important topic down to their level," offered Mrs. Laura McErlenn, Principal of PEEC.

The Providence Early Education Center is located on the campus of Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox and has available openings for the preschool (3 years old) and pre-kindergarten (4 years old) levels for the 2007-2008 school year.

The nurturing environment of the school encourages children to develop a positive self-concept, while allowing them to grow spiritually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Please call (815) 485-7129 with questions, to set up a tour of the school or to register your child. For general information on the school please visit [www.providencecatholic.org](http://www.providencecatholic.org) and click on the Providence Early Education Center link.

### Calendar of events at The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park

#### Music Highlights:

Sunday, November 4th, 2007 All Saints' Sunday

We are celebrating eternal life in heaven through song and the reading of the church's necrology. Featuring The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park Celebration Singers, Charlie Worth on the piano Douglas Zimmerman on the organ and special guest violinist, Stephanie Quinn.

Stephanie has recorded and performed with The Philharmonic Virtuosi of New York in Carnegie Hall, studied with Gerardo Ribeiro in Chicago, and performs in the Chi-

cago area.

#### Annual Arts & Crafts Festival

Come to our Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, on November 10, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL. There is Free Admission, a Bake Sale, Luncheon, Raffles, and over 50 crafts.

Recreate The Power Viewing of Walt Disney's The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Bring the family and join us on Friday December 7th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., at The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 South Wolf Road, in Orland Park, IL.

For any questions on any of these events, please 708-448-8142.

### Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe to Stage "Grease"

Spring Musical Returns to Sandburg's Performing Arts Center

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS - Grease is the word in Orland Park. The Orland Park Theatre Troupe, a cultural arts offering of the village's Recreation and Parks Department, has secured the rights to stage "Grease" as its spring musical.

"We are thrilled to produce a show of this caliber," said Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema, who serves as executive producer for the village's theatre program.

"Once we learned that we could return to the Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School next April, we immediately applied for the rights to perform 'Grease'," Buikema explained. "This is thrilling for everyone involved with the village's theatre program," she added.

In January, 2008, From Carnivale-Sidlow will begin her tenth year as resident director/producer of the village's theatre program.

"2008 is the thirtieth anniversary of the movie, 'Grease'," Carnivale-Sidlow said. "It is especially exciting for the Orland Park Theatre Troupe to perform 'Grease' during the show's anniversary year," she added.

Auditions for the April show will be Sunday, January 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Monday, January 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call backs will be Tuesday, January 22 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Auditions and rehearsals are held at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue.

"'Grease' is a great show for community theater," Carnivale-Sidlow said. "It's been my first choice since we sold out every show of 'Joseph' when we last performed at Sandburg in 2006," she explained.

Auditions are open to those in high school and older and those trying out must sing sixteen measures of a prepared piece of music from the show. Dance attire is recommended as participants must be prepared to learn and perform a dance. A registration fee is required once named to the cast.

"We are getting the word out now so that everyone knows about Orland Park's 'Grease' auditions coming in January," Carnivale-Sidlow said. "The Chicago area — in particular the south side — has a wealth of talent and we welcome everyone in high school and older to try out for what we promise will be a fantastic show," she added.

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons and Monday and Thursday evenings from January 27 through April 24. Performances, at the Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School, will be at 7:00

p.m. on April 25 and 26 with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 27, 2008.

Orland Park's show is being produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. The book, music and lyrics were written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

### Tinley Park Library presents various programs

#### How to Get the Job You Really Want

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting Wendy Lelli, speaking about how to get the job you really want, on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Lelli can show you how to do what you really want in life, using the skills you already have.

Registration begins Monday, November 5. For details, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3).

#### Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things

The Library will be hosting Cy Tymony, bestselling author of "Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things" on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Tymony will be teaching all sorts of tricks that can be done with things you have around the house.

Learn how to turn a penny into a radio, milk into plastic and fashion a sleeping bag into an airplane. A great program for kids and adults. Registration begins Monday, October 29.

For details, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Enjoy your local library!

### Oak Forest approves Metra agreement

by Matt Mayer

The city council at the Oct. 23 Oak Forest City Council meeting approved an agreement with Metra for a sidewalk easement, which will connect the new Arbor Park parking lot with the 159th Street viaduct.

An agreement with the city and NovaCare Rehabilitation to initiate the pre-screening/post offer program for the maintenance worker position for \$200 per screening was approved.

Other highlights: The city council approved the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Commission members Jim Stouwe, Wayne Schroeder, Robert Osterman as well as the appointment of Maggi Burkhardt to the Gazebo Commission.

An ordinance for zoning text amendments to chapters of the zoning ordinance regarding accessory buildings, structures and uses, and a chapter pertaining to fences was approved.

A request from the public works department was approved to purchase a one-ton dump truck from Carrie Motors of Frankfort and use the trade in value of \$3,650 from a surplus 1998 Dodge Durango that has reached the end of its usefulness and is beyond economical repair.

A resolution was approved detailing Trick or Treating hours on Halloween from 5 to 7 p.m.

Free hearing screenings will be held on November 6 at Oak Forest Hospital 15900 S. Cicero Avenue from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the audiology office-H Building-Room 2400.

All residents are invited.

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### Chicago Ridge to hold benefit

Mayor Gene Siegel announced at the Oct. 16 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting that a benefit will be held for Matt Jester, 42. He has been disabled for the past 5 years and is now battling non Hodgkin Lymphoma and Lymphatic cancer, which was diagnosed early this year.

The benefit will be held in an effort to financially help defray some of the escalating costs of medical bills and prescriptions. Trustee Brad Grove has provided his establishment, Groves Bar and Grill at 6030 W. 111th Street, free of charge for the family benefit which will be held on Saturday November 10 from 5 to 10 p.m. Tickets which include food, music, beer and soda are \$20 each and raffle tickets are 6 for \$5 for prizes valued at \$500, \$250 and \$100.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Lori Witt at 423-5308 or Rita McQuaid at 423-9788. Donations may also be sent to the Matthew and Theresa Jester Benefit Fund c/o Founders Bank 6825 W. 111th Street, Worth, IL. 60482.

Other highlights: Village Clerk Chuck Tokar authorized the processing of \$38,500 from the RidgeFest profits. The checks will be presented to non-profit organizations at a future meeting.

Two resolutions pertaining to the administration and police clerical union contract, which calls for a \$500 increase plus 4-percent were approved as well as a fire department request from Fire Chief Randy Grossi for the purchase of a Unimac Washer/Extractor for \$5,012.

### Medicare Also Covers Preventive Services

(NAPSA)-Medicare prescription drug coverage, also known as Part D, has received a lot of attention over the past 18 months. Many believe the program is benefiting seniors in a significant way, given that now more than 39 million, or 90 percent, of those eligible for Medicare have help paying for their drugs.

What many people do not realize, however, is that the law that brought about Part D included more than just prescription drugs. Known as the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003, the law also contained other measures to improve Medicare, such as the coverage of additional, preventive health services.

Some seniors may already be familiar with preventive services. They are often health care screenings or tests that are performed by a doctor to understand a patient's current health status or to predict potential health risks. Identifying and treating a condition early on can result in better health outcomes and preventing something before it starts can be even better.

Medicare first began covering preventive services in 1981. Throughout the years, as knowledge has increased, new services have been added, including:

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Health screenings for cardiovascular disease, breast cancer, cervical and vaginal cancers, colo-rectal cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, glaucoma and bone density; Flu and hepatitis shots; and  
The most recently added preventive service, smok-

ing and tobacco-use cessation.

More information about Medicare's preventive services can be found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling (800) MEDICARE. You should also consult with your doctor and Medicare to understand which services would be helpful to you and your level of coverage.



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### The Honorable William M. Daley to receive Shield of Saint Xavier

Chicago (Oct. 29, 2007) - Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley will receive the Shield of Saint Xavier at the 23rd Annual President's Scholarship Ball on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Hilton Chicago.

"The Shield of Saint Xavier is the University's highest distinction. It is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and service to the greater Chicago community, especially to the city's Catholic institutions," wrote SXU President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., in her letter of invitation to Daley. "We believe that your leadership and service to our nation and to this city, your life and achievements exemplify the ideals of Saint Francis

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### Musichorale sets theme for Christmas show

'Musichorale Scrooge' is the title of the Christmas Noel on Sunday, December 9th at Trinity Christian College at 4:20pm. Call 773-239-6279 for tickets that are \$10. Jeff Silhan is Musical Director of Musichorale. They rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn. Singers are always welcome.

Some senior groups will have a group outing for the Noel. Contact your senior group for information. The concert venue Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, 6600 W. College Drive, Palos Heights is handicapped accessible with lots of handicapped parking.

### Redspeed-Illinois and Village of Worth partner to improve intersection safety

RedSpeed-Illinois announced it has been selected by the Village of Worth to install, maintain and operate a red light camera safety program. Worth is just one of a growing list of municipalities who recognize the important contribution these camera systems make to improving community safety.

According to Chief John M. Carpino, the Village will begin their program with cameras located at the intersection of Harlem and Southwest Highway. Other intersections under consideration include 115th Street and Harlem, 111th Street and Harlem. "Based upon the data collected by RedSpeed-Illinois, we concluded cameras at this location would make the most immediate safety impact".

Deaths caused by red light running are increasing at more than three times the rate of increase for all other fatal crashes. A 2007 study conducted by The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety determined that red light related crashes resulted in more than 800 deaths annually, with more than 50% of the victims being pedestrians and people in vehicles struck by the violators. Another 165,000 people are estimated to be injured.

The documented evidence further concluded that the cameras reduce red light violations by 40-50 percent and reduce injury crashes by 25-30%. Lt. Micetich, the Worth Police Department Officer coordinating this program, echoed the Chief's emphasis on safety, "The benefit of these cameras is two-fold; the statistics prove that cameras do positively change driver's behavior making intersections safer, and a camera monitoring an intersection frees up our officers to focus on other areas within the community".

RedSpeed-Illinois, an Illinois based company, currently provides red light enforcement programs to over 17 communities within the Cook and 5 collar county areas. RedSpeed is the only red light camera provider to receive IDOT approval for in ground loop detection equipment. Seosys detection dramatically increases the violation capture rate, which directly translates into improved intersection safety, the cornerstone of the General Assembly's bill relating to red light programs.

For more information, contact RedSpeed-Illinois at 630-317-5700 or visit their website at [www.redspeed-illinois.com](http://www.redspeed-illinois.com)

### Worth Park District introduces the Chicago History Museum on their next trip

We are traveling to the Chicago History Museum on Saturday, November 10th from 9:30-3pm. This trip is perfect for all ages. Explore the world's fair, history behind Chicago's waterways and other interesting topics! There is a new, interactive children's section that will allow participants to "Smell" Chicago. Register by November 1st. The cost of \$17 for Adults, \$15 Seniors. Lunch is available at Wolfgang Puck's History Cafe for an additional fee.

For more information call the Worth Park District at 708-448-7080.



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### To Division-1 collegiate rowers gather in Blue Island on Sunday November 4th for the Southland Regatta at Fay's Point

Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Notre Dame, Indiana and Minnesota among universities participating in first regatta since 1959's Pan-Am Games

Blue Island, IL - In the biggest rowing event of its kind since the Pan-Am Games of 1959, over 300 Division-1 collegiate women rowers will gather in Blue Island, Illinois, for the first Southland Regatta at Fay's Point, a daylong competition pitting crews from six Midwestern universities.

Novice and varsity women's crews from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University, and the University of Minnesota will test their mettle on two new courses along the Calumet-Sag Channel, a 2000-Meter Olympic-style course, and a 3-Mile Head Race.

Fay's Point, LLC, developers of a new, riverfront community, 30-acre Residence, Marina Club, and 11-acre Riverwalk Park in Blue Island, Illinois at the confluence of the Little Calumet and Calumet-Sag Channel, are the title sponsor of the Southland Regatta at Fay's Point. The event is organized by the City of Blue Island, one of the Chicago metro area's oldest and most historic communities, and the Chicago Rowing Center, a 14-time National Champion rowing team that practices on the Calumet-Sag Channel, a canal just west of the confluence of the two rivers in Blue Island. The Little Calumet River and canal are undergoing a modern-day renaissance as communities bordering the waterways are transforming their banks into recreational assets.

"The City of Blue Island is proud to have these Division-1 universities in our community for a race of this caliber," said Blue Island Mayor Donald Peloquin. "It's especially gratifying to see our river become an outstanding recreational resource for these athletes and the community at large. Blue Island is honored to be part of this river renaissance, and we look forward to working with our neighboring river communities to stage more events like the Southland Regatta at Fay's Point to bring more people out to experience this great asset."

The regatta will be held along the Calumet-Sag Channel in Blue Island and Calumet Park, Illinois, from approximately Kedzie Avenue to just east of Ashland Avenue. Spectator viewing will be available at Fay's Point, at Ashland Avenue (approx. 133rd Street) and Broadway in Blue Island, and at the Calumet-Sag Channel and Throop Street in Calumet Park. Take 127th Street to Throop Street, several blocks east of Ashland Avenue, and follow signs to spectator parking areas at the canal.

Tailgating is permitted at both spectator-viewing areas, with portable restrooms available for spectators. Local restaurants will serve a variety of foods and refreshments at the Calumet Park viewing site.

Race viewing will also be available on bridges in Blue Island at Kedzie Avenue, Francisco Avenue, and Western Avenue.

"This Regatta is a demonstration of the start of the newer activities and uses of the river that cleaner waterways have created," said Arvydas Laucius, Managing Partner of Fay's Point, LLC. "The responsible ecological management of our waterways by MWRD and all the groups that care about

the river and cleaner water has created a place for abundant wildlife and great places for people to live and play near our urban centers."

Crews will take to the water at approximately 10:00 a.m. Sunday, November 4. Events begin at 10:45 a.m. with Varsity and Novice Head Races on the Cal-Sag Red course, followed by four 2000-Meter Olympic-style races on the Cal-Sag Black course. Event Schedule: Southland Regatta at Fay's Point, Sunday, November 4  
10:00 a.m. Varsity boats launch  
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10:45 a.m. Varsity Head Race  
11:15 a.m. Novice Head Race  
11:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Course changed to 2000-Meter - no racing  
1:00 p.m. Boats launch  
1:45 p.m. 2000-Meter Varsity D Final  
2:00 p.m. 2000-Meter Varsity C Final  
2:15 p.m. 2000-Meter Varsity B Final  
2:30 p.m. 2000-Meter Varsity A Final

An awards ceremony will follow the final race.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Blue Island Marine Unit will close the Calumet River and Cal-Sag Channel to recreational and commercial boat traffic from Pulaski Road to Halsted Street on Sunday, November 4 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Boaters should monitor Channel 16 - VHF-FM for information or to contact the Coast Guard or Marine Unit.

For regatta logistics information, contact Michael O'Gorman, Head Coach, Chicago Rowing Center, at 312-593-8040.

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### Alsip approves vicious animal ordinance

The village board at the Oct. 15 Alsip Board of Trustees meeting approved an ordinance amending a chapter of the municipal code regarding vicious animals as well as an ordinance for the resubdivision of property located at 4950 W. 116th Street. An ordinance for a special use permit for the property at 11100 S. Cicero Avenue was also approved.

Other highlights: The board approved the renewal of the public works and water department employee uniform rental contract with G and K Uniform Services of Justice. The contract was effective October 22 and will be a fixed rate for 36 months at a cost not to exceed \$109.15 per week, with a one time set up charge of \$847.00 for sizing, nametags and emblems on 176 garments.

An ordinance for a fence height variance at 12259 McDaniel was approved as well as an ordinance for a fence height variance at 12200 S. Laramie Avenue. A request to refer a resubdivision request for the property at 4737-48 Orchard View Court to the planning and zoning commission was also approved.

### Medicare Also Covers Preventive Services

(NAPSA)-Medicare prescription drug coverage, also known as Part D, has received a lot of attention over the past 18 months. Many believe the program is benefiting seniors in a significant way, given that now more than 39 million, or 90 percent, of those eligible for Medicare have help paying for their drugs.

What many people do not realize, however, is that the law that brought about Part D included more than just prescription drugs. Known as the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003, the law also contained other measures to improve Medicare, such as the coverage of additional, preventive health services.

Some seniors may already be familiar with preventive services. They are often health care screenings or tests that are performed by a doctor to understand a patient's current health status or to predict potential health risks. Identifying and treating a condition early on can result in better health outcomes and preventing something before it starts can be even better.

Medicare first began covering preventive services in 1981. Throughout the years, as knowledge has increased, new services have been added, including:

A one-time "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam;

Health screenings for cardiovascular disease, breast cancer, cervical and vaginal cancers, colo-rectal cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, glaucoma and bone density;

Flu and hepatitis shots; and

The most recently added preventive service, smoking and tobacco-use cessation.

More information about Medicare's preventive services can be found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling (800) MEDICARE. You should also consult with your doctor and Medicare to understand which services would be helpful to you and your level of coverage.



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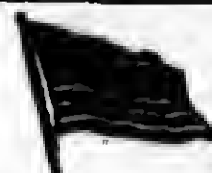
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## Christmas Around the World AND Holidays of Light 2007

at Museum of Science and  
Industry

A Museum of Science and Industry time-honored celebration, *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* features more than 50 dazzling trees and display—decorated by members of Chicago's ethnic community—that celebrate holiday customs from around the world. Guests will be whisked away on an around-the-world tour with this year's theme *The Spirit of Travel*, in honor of the Museum's temporary exhibit, *National Geographic Maps: Tools for Adventure. Holidays of Light*, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, showcases various global

holidays that celebrate light or enlightenment, such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Diwali.

The exhibit will kick off on Friday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m. with the lighting of the 40-foot Grand Tree, a performance by the Radio City Rockettes and ethnic performances.

Additional festivities throughout the duration of both displays include ethnic dancing and singing, storytellers and school choirs. A detailed schedule of special events and performances will be available in November 2007 at [www.museumofscienceandindustry.org](http://www.museumofscienceandindustry.org).

*Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light 2007* is sponsored by: Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUBS; and American Family Insurance.

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57<sup>th</sup> and Lake Shore Drive Displays and performances are included in general admission.



Pictured: Students and instructors from Morgan Park Academy in Chicago

## Morgan Park Academy All Spirit and Smiles

Students from Morgan Park Academy in Chicago delivered fall spirit and smiles to program participants at Park Lawn while fulfilling their annual service project requirement for their school.

Students who take part in the service project activity look forward to working with Park Lawn because it helps them understand what it means for someone to live with developmental disabilities.

Morgan Park students arrived to Park Lawn's vocational services program in the morning and stayed throughout the afternoon. Students partnered with Park Lawn's program participants and worked on a variety of art projects that were planned and coordinated by Park Lawn's Art Therapist, Sue Seayor. Many new friendships were developed and students are looking forward to next year's visit.



Pictured (from left to right): Junior Michael Hall, Senior Dan Smith, Freshman Ryan Toth, and Sophomore Matt McGowan.

## St. Rita Announces Mustangs of the Month

St. Rita of Casco High School bestows the 'Mustang of the Month' award every month during the school year to notable students from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students were selected the October, 2007 Mustangs of the Month:

Freshman Ryan Toth is a member of Our Lady of the Woods parish. He graduated his

from Pales South Middle School. Ryan is no stranger to St. Rita. His two older brothers are Jim and Mike. His brother Matt graduated in 2005 and his brother Kyle is a member of our Sophomore class. Currently Ryan is #24, a QB (Quarterback) on our freshmen football team. Ryan also looks forward to joining the wrestling and lacrosse teams and hopes to become a "sharp shooter" for the Paint Ball Club! Ryan has been quoted saying after receiving this award that "I am looking forward to the next four greatest years of my life."

Sophomore Matt McGowan graduated from Most Holy Redeemer Grammar School. While at St. Rita, Matt has been very involved in student council

Sophomore years. Matt is also an excellent student who, according to his teachers, works hard, follows instructions and contributes to academic discussions. Matt is a member of the Gold Honor Roll. While at St. Rita for the past two years Matt has been involved in the Knights of Augustines and a member of our football and volleyball teams. Matt says ... "Coming to St. Rita was the best decision I have ever made."

Junior Michael Hall graduated from St. Cajetan grammar school and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, received the Mustang Award. Outside of his St. Rita family, Michael is a very involved volunteer at Little Company of Mary Hospital. He participates in COB at St. Linus Parish, and gives guitar lessons to grade school kids. Michael has kept busy while at St. Rita working on the Rhyth (3 years), Knights of Augustines (2 years), Guitar Club (1 year), a member of the Band (3 years). This is Mike's first year as Drum Major for the band who, according to his instructors, has exceeded all expectations. Mike says ... "My time here has been a lot of fun. I can't wait for what the next year and a half will

bring." Senior Dan Smith graduated from St. John Fisher. Dan's passion to be involved has continued throughout his years at St. Rita. He has been on the Silver Honor Roll every semester. He currently holds a 3.30 GPA. In his freshman year he was involved with the Knights of St. Augustine. Also during his four years at St. Rita he has been involved in St. Rita athletics ... all four years he has been a member of our football and volleyball teams. During his spare time, he volunteers to help the elderly on his block and has helped work at the St. Rita Novenas. He played in St. Rita's Youth Volleyball League and when his team won the league, they donated their winnings to cancer research. The word on campus is that Dan Smith is one of, if not the nicest, kids at St. Rita. Dan has been quoted saying ... "I have appreciated everything about this school in the last four years."

The Mustangs of the Month awards were presented at an all-school mass on October 5. Each student was presented with a personally engraved Mustang statue.

## OL eliminates civil service commission for employees

By Matt Mayer

Oak Lawn officials recently approved the abolishment of the Civil Service Commission in favor of a personnel policy manual for employees. A chapter of the village code, which includes sections entitled "Civil Service Commission" was repealed in its entirety - the chapter will now be unenforceable.

A subchapter and section of the village code was also amended in its entirety. The sections shall now read as follows: The powers and duties of the village manager shall be to enforce the laws and ordinances within the village, to appoint the chief of the police department, the chief of the fire department and the village attorney, as well as to appoint and remove or suspend all department heads. The village manager is authorized to appoint, suspend or discharge the chief of the police department and the chief of the fire department without the consent of the board of trustees. Several trustees said the system was an antiquated system that did not allow for the hiring of the best candidate for village jobs or promotions.



## Mayor Sexton Celebrates The New Snackville Junction

On Monday October 15, 2007 Snackville Junction reopened its doors under the management of the Perez Family. They are very excited to be conducting business in Evergreen Park. On hand to cut the ribbon and help these celebrants was Mayor Sexton, Village Clerk, Cathy Apero; Trustees, Jerry Beach and Norb Smith along with the Perez family and staff as well as some excited customers. Mayor Sexton wishes them many years of success in the village.



## Hometown News

Army Reserve Pvt. Amanda M. Sedlacek has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Donna Sedlacek of Springfield Drive, Lockport, Ill., and granddaughter of Eileen Bauer of S. Kainer Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. Sedlacek is a student at Lockport High School.

Army Pvt. Jim E. Dabberke has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Jim Dabberke of S. Trumbull Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., and Donna Dabberke of Willow Circle, Cary, Ill.

Army National Guard Pvt. Zachary J. Charles has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Clathia Charles of S. Millard, Middleton, Ill.

Charles is currently attending Bremen High School, Middleton.



Featured from the left is 1st Vice President, Bill Dougherty; Sergeant Blas; and President, Mark Donahoe.

### Sergeant Ronald Blas Receives "Life Saving Award"

While on a routine patrol, Sergeant Ronald Blas observed smoke billowing out of a three-story apartment building. He rushed in the address to the dispatcher and directed the dispatcher to notify the Chicago Fire Department. At this time, Sergeant Blas was approached by a citizen who stated that there were still people on the second and third floors of the building.

Sergeant Blas, with no regard for his own safety, gained entry to the building that was engulfed in flames. He ran up to the third floor apartment, which is where the fire originated from, and rescued a male victim suffering from smoke inhalation taking him outside the building. Upon re-entering the building he was able to rescue a female victim from the second floor. Sergeant Blas, along with the male victim sustained smoke inhalation and both were transported and treated at Cook County Hospital.

It is with great appreciation that the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, present Sergeant Ronald Blas with the Life Saving Award.

### Swallow Cliff Chapter of The Daughters of The American Revolution Meeting

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a meeting on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Alumni Conference Room at Trinity Christian College located at 6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, Illinois.

November is National Defense month. Our program for this meeting will be "Patriotic Spies and the Impact They Have on Our Security", presented by Agent Garcia of the F.B.I.

Prospective members are welcome. Call (708) 479-7101 for more information.

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## Operation Gratitude Fifth Annual Holiday Drive Kicks Off During Veteran's Weekend

Organization to send 50,000+ Care Packages to deployed Troops

In tribute to Veteran's Day and the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday, Operation Gratitude, the nonprofit, all-volunteer organization, will commence its Fifth Annual Holiday Drive November 10-11, 2007, to assemble and mail over 50,000 care packages to deployed troops for the holidays.

Operation Gratitude's (www.operationgratitude.com) mission is to put a smile on a service member's face, lift morale, and express the appreciation of the American people for the sacrifices of the men and women defending our freedom. To date, Operation Gratitude has sent more than 250,000 care packages to troops deployed in harm's way. For video information on Operation Gratitude's program to Support Our Troops, click here: [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)

On Saturday November 10 and Sunday November 11, members of Operation Gratitude's 3500+ Volunteer Corps, along with Military personnel and employees of several Corporate Sponsors will start the Drive to assemble and ship at least 50,000 Holiday Care

Packages filled with Flash Drives, DVDs, CDs, Beanie Babies, Cuffies, Candy, Gum, Girl Scout Cookies, Hand-made Scarves, Greeting Cards, Pen and Pencil sets, Playing Cards, Batteries, Energy Bars and Drinks, T-Shirts, assorted Snacks and much more.

During the Press Conference scheduled at 11:30 am on Saturday November 10, the organization's Founder, Carolyn Blumhok, will reveal several exciting new items created exclusively for our troops to be shipped in all Operation Gratitude care packages this year!

**WHAT:** Operation Gratitude 2007 Holiday Drive Luncheon

**WHEN:** November 10-11, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily

**WHERE:** California Army National Guard Armory 17330 Victory Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91406 (Corner of Victory and Louise)

**PRESS CONFERENCE:** Saturday November 10, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for members of the Media.

**Additional Packing Events**

will take place at the Armory on the following dates: November 23-24 (Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving) December 1 (with special guest Lt. General Hal Moore (Ret.)) December 15-16 (milestones 300,000th package to be shipped) December 29-30

All products for the packages have been donated by individuals, organizations, schools, community groups, businesses and more than five dozen Corporate Sponsors (companies that have donated 10,000 items or more). Overall expenses of ~\$10/packages are covered by tax deductible financial donations from citizens across the country.

Operation Gratitude obtains the vast majority of names from commanders and leaders in the field who have seen first-hand the positive impact of the program on the morale of their Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors.

Operation Gratitude is now featured on the popular video site, YouTube. To view various videos, check out [Operation Gratitude Videos Website: http://www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)

### Moraine Valley hosts Veteran's Day program

Moraine Valley Community College's History department will present a Veteran's Day program featuring readings from letters written by soldiers in World War II. The program will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, in Moraine Rooms 1 and 2 in the College Center, Building C, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

As a young girl in Indiana, Ben Paravantes corresponded with cousins who were serving in the war, as well as other young soldiers she knew through the restaurant her father owned. Over the years, she collected a chest full of letters from which faculty, staff and students will be reading.

For more information, contact Merri Feller at [feller@morainevalley.edu](mailto:feller@morainevalley.edu).

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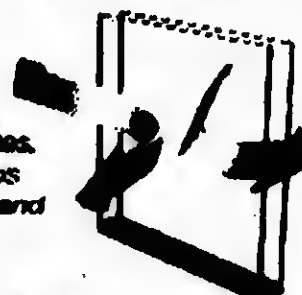
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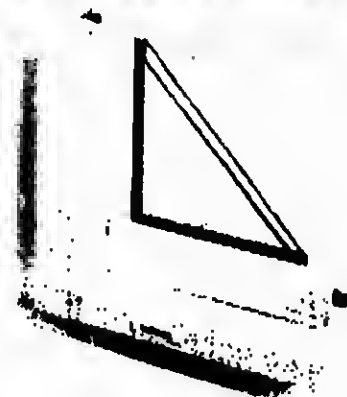
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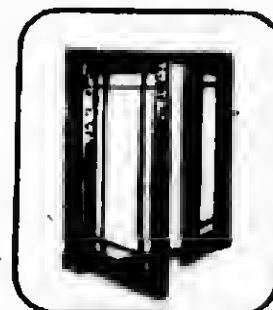
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Paul Cook, CSA of Asset Management & Protection Corporation in Park Ridge is a savings bond specialist and conducts educational seminars as well as one-on-one meetings that will address issues concerning savings bonds. He also offers customized complimentary Savings Bond Performance Reports. These reports provide current interest rates, cash in values, timing, maturity, and tax issues.

"After speaking with many of my clients, I found there was a real need for sound professional advice regarding their savings bond portfolios," says Mr. Cook.

When the government-run savings bond marketing offices were shut down in 2003, a popular source for information, many no longer handle them.



Paul Cook

"Many bond owners do not know a whole lot about their investment, and greatly appreciate someone who can help," Mr. Cook explains. "They are also concerned about cash-in tax issues since the elimination of the HFI bond that allowed them to defer reporting interest earned on their E or EE bonds or Savings Notes."

"I decided this was an issue that needed to be addressed, and found the right tools - educational seminars, tracking software and personalized reports - to help them investors."

For a schedule of educational seminar dates and times, or to schedule a one-on-one meeting for a complimentary report, please call Paul Cook at (847) 224-6650, or email him at [pcook@amprofamily.com](mailto:pcook@amprofamily.com). There will be no pressure to purchase anything. You can also visit his website at [www.amprofamily.com](http://www.amprofamily.com). His office is located at 1460 Renaissance Drive, Suite 212, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

## Social Security Announces 2.3 Percent Benefit Increase for 2008

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 54 million Americans will increase 2.3 percent in 2008, the Social Security Administration announced today.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 2.3 percent.

The 2.3 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that nearly 50 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2008. Increased payments to more than 7 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will begin on December 31.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase

in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$102,000 from \$97,500. Of the estimated 164 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2008, nearly 12 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2008 can be found at [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov).

## St. Francis Hospital Offers Cool Kids' Cooking Class

Kids learn how to prepare healthy, simple meals in a fun class setting taught by a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. Kid's nutrition, healthy meal planning and childhood obesity issues will be discussed.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will offer a "Cool Kids' Cooking!" class at the Orland Township Activity Center on Saturday, November 10, at 10 a.m.

This program is for children ages 6-12 and they must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$5 per child. Please call 708-383-4433 to register.

For a complete listing of programs and events offered by St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit our Calendar of Events link at [www.stfrancishealthcenter.com](http://www.stfrancishealthcenter.com).

## Wondergirl 5k

DATE: Saturday, November 10, 2007

TIME: 9:00 am start

LOCATION: TOYOTA PARK, Bridgeview, IL

More than 500 young girls aged 8-12 will celebrate their "girl power" by running 5.1 miles together with their parents, teachers, and community members. Let them inspire you! All men, women, children and community superheroes are welcome!

This year's run will start at TOYOTA PARK, home of the Chicago Fire Major League Soccer Team and finish inside the stadium. The morning will be full of fun activities for the whole family. Post-race entertainment includes face painting, turn decorating, a photo booth, visits from Chicago Fire Mascot Sparky, the F.I.R.E. Express and

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The Orland Grassland Volunteers work under the authority of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Other partners in this collaborative habitat restoration project are the Corporation for Open Lands, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-Chicago District, Village of Orland Park, and Audubon-Chicago Region.

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 Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
 C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.  
 • 7:30 - 10 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27 - Country and Western Dance - \$8  
 Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
 C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.  
 • 7:30 - 11 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Sales Night - \$10  
 Sales lessons are provided from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 open dancing continues from 8:30 - 11 p.m.  
 • 8 p.m. - 12 a.m., Friday, Nov. 30 - Good Times Charley Singles Dance - \$9  
 Singles from all over Chicagoland attend this night of dancing and socializing.  
 Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.  
 • 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2 - Sunday Afternoon Ballroom Dance - \$14  
 The Teddy Lee Orchestra will provide live ballroom music.  
 Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.  
 • 6:30 - 10:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2 - Sunday Night Swing Dance - \$10  
 Basic swing lessons are from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Open dancing follows.  
 Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.  
 Founded in 1921, the Willowbrook Ballroom proudly bears the distinction of being one of only five ballrooms of its magnitude remaining in the United States that is still committed to dancing. The Willowbrook Ballroom features a 6,000 square-foot dance floor. Singles and couples of all ages are invited to dances and classes. Dance lessons are complimentary with price of admission.  
 For more information, call (708) 839-1000, or visit [www.willowbrookballroom.com](http://www.willowbrookballroom.com).

## Vogt Visual Arts Center Features High School Show Artists

The Tinley Park Park District's Vogt Visual Arts Center will feature the works of local high school students for the month of November. Featured artists attend Tinley Park, Andrew, Lincoln-Way East or Lincoln-Way Central High Schools and are selected by their instructors to participate in the exhibit. A variety of formats will be featured including ceramics, photography, acrylics, charcoal, pencil and more. The exhibit runs from November 1 through November 30. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, November 9 from 6:30-9:00 pm at the gallery. Guests are welcome to attend and meet the artists. Refreshments will be served.  
 The Vogt Visual Arts Center is open to the public on Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 pm, and Thursday and Friday from 11:30 am-3:00 pm. The Vogt Visual Arts Center is located at 17420 S. 67th Court in Tinley Park. For additional information, contact the Park District at 708/342-4300.

## "Soon to be Famous" Spaghetti Dinner at McAuley

The Mother McAuley Fathers Club will host their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 17 from 5-8 p.m. in the McAuley Cafeteria, 3757 W. 99th Street. Dinner is \$7 for Adults, \$5 for students 17 and under, and includes spaghetti, meatballs and garlic bread.  
 Join us for a delicious dinner and then attend McAuley's All School Show Thoroughly Modern Middle. Special Dinner Theater Package is \$14 for Adults and \$12 for students. Show begins at 8 p.m. in McAuley's Auditorium. For more information call 773-239-2152.

## Palos Heights Recreation Events

### Palos Heights Features Scrapbook/Crafty Time Out

Registration is currently underway at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th St., for Scrapbook/Crafty Time Out for adults 18 years and older being held on Friday, November 2 and November 16 from 6:00 to 10:00pm.  
 The fee for this program is \$8 for residents and \$12 for all others per date and allows participants the space and time to work on scrapbook pages, crafts, or even wrap holiday gifts without interruption.  
 Adults are asked to bring their own tools and papers and use the time to complete their projects as time permits. Participants are also asked to bring a snack to share with others. A \$5 household credit for a future Scrapbook/Crafty Time Out session will be awarded to the person with the best snack or scrapbook page for each date in November.

**Kids Garage Sale at Palos Heights**  
 Registration is currently underway through November 1 or until all spots fill for the Kids Garage Sale being held on Saturday, November 10 from 9am to 12pm at the Palos Heights Parks and Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th Street.  
 Children five through 13 years old are invited to participate in this special fall activity in which they can sell their gently used toys, games, and books to the public. The registration fee is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Each participant will receive a table inside of the gymnasium on which to display their sale items.  
 Parents are required to stay with their children during the length of the sale to help with money transactions. Families must provide their own bank in which to make change.  
 The event will be open to

the public. No admission will be charged.

### Events Calendar Craft Class at Palos Heights

Adults 16 years and older are invited to participate in a perpetual calendar craft making session at the Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th St. on Wednesday, November 14 from 7:00 to 9:30pm.

The cost for this class which includes all the supplies to create a perpetual calendar is \$18 for residents and \$23 for all others. Class time will allow participants to create a 2nd calendar for an additional \$12 fee. The additional calendar must be requested at the time of registration.

The calendar which will feature monthly personalized pages can be used year after year.

For more information regarding this and other activities, call Palos Heights Parks & Recreation, (708) 361-1807.

## Howl'Oween Pet Parade in Evergreen Park

On Saturday October 27th the Village of Evergreen Park held its annual Howl'Oween Pet Parade. Over 25 costumed dogs came out to strut their stuff, along with some well dressed masters. The parade took place at Yulrich Field under sunny autumn skies. Among the participants were 3rd place winner Madeline the little school girl, Bella the ballerina and Boudy the first place winner was a pirate. Joining the winners was a bee, Snow White, Pocahontas, and a golden retriever punk rocker. It was a howling good time.

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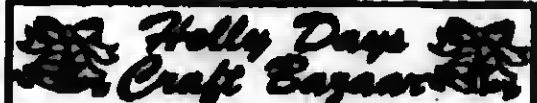
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## Oak Lawn Library News

### Library Welcomes Homeschoolers

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group Thursday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St. Participants will create holiday cards. No registration required. All ages are welcome. Call the Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

### Calling All "Ye-Gi-Oh" Players

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St., will host a Ye-Gi-Oh game event from 4-5 p.m. on Thursday, November 8. Students in grades three and up are invited to bring their own set of Ye-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration required. Lower level meeting room. For more information, call 708-422-4990.

### Free Health Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will hold free health screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St., Wednesday, November 14 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Blood pressure screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department. Pulse and blood oxygen levels will be tested by staff from Advocate Christ Medical Center.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site [www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.org](http://www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.org).

### First Aid for New Parents

Learn how to recognize and respond to medical emergencies in babies and toddlers at a free lecture on "First Aid for New Parents" 7-8 p.m. Thursday, November 15 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St. Joan O'Malley will teach the basics of infant CPR and age appropriate choking techniques. Discover what you need to have in your first aid kit and some basic first aid procedures. O'Malley is certified by the American Heart Association and a poison control educator with the IL Poison Control Center. Many informative handouts will be available.

View a complete schedule of adult programs at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)) or call 708-422-4990.

### Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month. September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. They will meet November 14 to discuss "Visitor to Mombasa" by James Hogg and December 12 for "Hammock Suite" by John D. MacDonald. Copies of these short stories may be

picked up one month in advance at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Book discussions are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of most months. However, there will be no book discussion meetings during in November and December, due to the holiday season.

For information, call Dorothy Whitney, 708-422-2390.

## Lyric Opera has a first

By Marijo Dooty

Lyric Opera is promoting the first women conductor trailblazing the opera orchestra. Emmanuelle Haïm, from France, is now on the podium from the keyboard conducting a spectacular production of Handel's *Julius Caesar*. A little Handel goes a long way.

Haïm lives with her partner and daughter and is balancing both lives. This is what so many American women are doing. A man is used to being supported by a woman but she has to do it on her own.

As in the corporate world, women is viewed differently and orchestras are not used to playing under a woman conductor and are surprised to find a different way of doing things.

The Handel's *Julius Caesar* production is by David McVicar and is witty and spectacular. Haïm, is a fan of McVicar from working with

him and the singers David Daniels as Caesar (counter tenor) and Danielle de Niese as Cleopatra. McVicar has a great understanding of the music and text one doesn't find with stage directors. Lyric audiences will see this.

Haïm's physical involvement in her harpichord led conducting is what impressed everyone when she made her US conducting debut in 2000 at Chicago Opera Theatre. Her arm movements and whole body dance with ease in her style and it was a joy to watch during the dress rehearsal of *Julius Caesar*. An opera singer Susan Graham told the Opera News "that Haïm stands up in the stool of the harpichord to conduct and sits down to play. She plays like Ray Charles swaying back and forth, her whole body into it and she makes music in ecstasy. She throws her head back and looks up at the sky. It is borderline bizarre!"

Haïm has been busy in Baroque and early classical music in both venues. "How to combine my responsibilities to the ensemble and guest conducting is a big question and it's challenging to be a manager, conductor and business woman who keeps things financially viable" indicates Haïm. Isn't that what all corporate women are doing in their own way?

If you have a ticket to Handel's *Julius Caesar* do not miss it! Try the Opera House Box Office at 20 N. Wacker.



## Saint Xavier University wins 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 2007 Mayor's Landscape Awards program

Mary's Circle wins for Specialized Garden category

Saint Xavier University won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Specialized Gardens category of the 2007 Mayor's Landscape Awards program for Mary's Circle, located on the west side of the Wards Academic Center.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Mayor's Landscape Awards Program is the city's way of acknowledging the individuals, businesses, community groups, schools and other public institutions who contribute their time and energy to making Chicago the greenest in the nation.

Chicago's motto, "Urbs in Horto," translates into City in a Garden. Throughout Chicago's 170-year history, its people have treasured the many green spaces that enrich people's lives, help soften urban edges, reduce noise and stress, create quiet places for reflection, provide opportunities for positive social interaction and increase property values.

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## De La Salle Students Sign Pledge Against Gun Violence

On October 19, 2007, prior to the beginning of their school day, De La Salle students signed The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence is a national program that honors the role that young people play in reducing gun violence.

This campaign against youth gun violence culminates each year on a Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence. The program provides a means for beginning the conversation with young people about gun violence.



Guiding the initiative at De La Salle is Emily Vogel, who serves the Institute as its campus minister. "An experience like no other, De La Salle offers a quality education in a co-institutional environment that transcends the classroom. Diverse perspectives, Christian values and our tradition provide students an education that lasts a lifetime."

## Noble Fool holds Christmas Story

Freely, Rudolph, The Grinch, Marley and more are with Noble Fool's Theatricals "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." The production runs November 14-December 29, 2007 at Pleasant Run Resort in St. Charles.

The show runs Wed-Fri with tickets at \$27, Sat and Sun with tickets at \$38. Dinner show packages are available at \$49 and \$60 respectively with an option of an overnight stay. For tickets and information call the box office at 630-584-6342. Pleasant Run Resort and Spa is located 4051 E Main St.

Three quick witted Chicago actors are ready to take Christmas in the extreme as they portray many holiday traditions and stories. The attempt is to present Dickens to their show. Stars are Brennan Dahl, Bob Torton and Scott Stangland who are all making their Noble Fool Theatricals debut. John Gawlik Artistic Director directs the show.

## Musichorale sets theme for Christmas show

"Musichorale Scrooge" is the title of the Christmas Noel on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Christian College at 4:30pm. Call 773-239-6279 for tickets that are \$10. Jeff Sitten is Musical Director of Musichorale. They rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 9000 S. Ridgeland in Oak Lawn. Singers are always welcome.

Some senior groups will have a group outing for the Noel. Contact your senior group for information. The concert venue Trinity Christian College, Orange Auditorium, 6600 W College Drive, Palos Heights is handicapped accessible with lots of handicapped parking.

## CSO is in the black

by Marjio Doody

At a recent Theodore Thomas Foundation event the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association announced that it had balanced the books for the end of 2007 fiscal year with a surplus of \$113,000 on their \$58 million operating budget. They reported a 4% increase in donations to the annual fund and an increase in ticket sales well. This is an 85% paid capacity of Orchestra Hall.

They anticipate the ongoing search for music director to conclude in six months or sooner. CSO also launched a recording label, CSO Record, returned to the airways on radio and expanded its presence on Internet.

Single ticket sales increased and season subscribers renewed at a rate of more than 87%, the

highest in 11 years. Sales for the newer series After-work Masterworks, Beyond the Score and Friday Night at the Movies has been outpacing last year by almost a third.

At the concert along with the event was a delightful program with international opera star Federica Von Stade along with CSO principal flute Mathieu Dufour with an accompanist. The program was essentially French music and a delight to the appreciative audience. They did 4 encores. Von Stade at 62 still has the mid-register and a marvel. Dufour is at his peak and the audience could not get enough of him.

After the program, I went down along with others to meet Federica Von Stade. She was charming, friendly and like some of the students said a rock star! The people in front of me were from New Orleans and came here for graduate school at Roosevelt U. The girl said the opera stars all came down for the benefit for Katrina

victims and she was just in back of Federica Von Stade, when singing. All the students had a great thrill. Federica Von Stade is probably the last of the great divas.



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### THE WEDDING DAY

If you would have told me 17 months ago that both my daughters would be on their married way I would have called you crazy. Within a week of our oldest daughter saying "I Do", our youngest was saying yes to her boyfriend's proposal. Turns out I was the crazy one - crazy to think I had plenty of time. When the wedding date was set for November 16th we were still enjoying the summer sunshine of July. No sweat since the big day seemed come away.

The months flashed passed and now that everything has been planned, ordered and reserved, there's only one thing left to do - celebrate.

But wait - there is one more thing left for this mother of the bride to do before dancing at my daughter's wedding.

My little girl's bridal gown hangs on my closet door, a stark reminder that the nest is officially empty. In just a few days from now she'll step into this beautiful creation of beaded satin and lace and step out looking like a princess. Sitting here among the wedding paraphernalia I'm pondering every mother's thought - how could time have turned my daughter into a grown woman when just yesterday she was my little girl? In moments like this I wonder why we moms always draw from the memory bank of when our kids were in kindergarten, but I think I know the answer: That was our first taste of letting go.

Tears flowed the day I held Katie's hand and walked her through the doors of kindergarten.

She ran to join the other kids, leaving me standing there wiping my tears. She waved at me as if to say, "You can go now mom." She looked forward to this day and she was prepared. A stick of gum that she stuck in her backpack the night before was for that special friend she'd meet at school.

A little classmate named Kim was the recipient of that gum, singled out as Katie's best friend. From kindergarten buddy to now being a bride's maid in Katie's wedding, my but the years have flown by.

Weddings always bring out the sentimental strings of the heart especially for mothers who take a front row seat to witness their daughters becoming wives. My cup of blessings runneth over but it has been a mixed bag of bittersweet memories. Have I made mistakes? I've made my share that, upon reflection, could have me steeped in regret if it weren't for remembering all that I've done right.

Being a well meaning mom may not always score you points of approval, but when your heart's in the right place somehow children come to grow into the appreciation of good intentions.

Looking back, I guess I've been letting go of my children since they left me at the door to kindergarten.

On the wings of love my daughter, the bride, will walk down the aisle and wedding vows will be exchanged. With a promise to have and to hold, for better or worse, from this day forward, my daughter will begin a new chapter in her life and my tears will be of pure joy.

My little girl will become a wife. With memories tucked safely in my heart there is only one thing left to do and that is to celebrate the wedding of Seth Wiclogel and Katie Whirly.

To share in this merry milestone please join us November 10, 2007 for the 2:00 p.m. ceremony at St. Christian church.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK-

Though our children grow up into lives of their own, a mother's love is forever the heart of her home. (Kathy Whirly.)

## Coming Theatre events in the area

By Marijo Deedy

### Eclipse Theatre News

*Borderline at the Border* a play by Pearl Cleage will be presented by Eclipse Theatre at the Victory Gardens Greenhouse Theatre, 2257 N Lincoln Ave. in Chicago from November 8 to December 16, 2007. Ron O'Furion is directing the production. This is the conclusion of the Pearl Cleage 2007 series.

The explosive piece follows the lives of two ordinary people who join hundreds of other Americans for a massive voter registration drive in Mississippi in the summer of 1964. This was the Freedom Summer. For tickets call 773-871-3000 or visit the web [www.eclipsetheatre.com](http://www.eclipsetheatre.com). The production runs Thurs, Fri, Sat at 8pm and Sun at 3pm.

Forchlight Music Theatre presents *A Wonderful Life*.

Forchlight Music Theatre presents *A Wonderful Life*, a stage version of Frank Capra's legendary film. The production boasts Forchlight records in 2006. Artistic Director, L. Walter Stearns says "we honor the film with a fresh new musical version and the live musical experience tells the story in a unique way." The production runs November 17 to December 30 at The Theatre Building, 1225 West Belmont in Chicago.

The production stars Jayson Brooks (Jeff Nominee for Ragtime) as George Bailey, Jess Oodwin who reprises role from 2006 and starred in *Gypsy*. Ron Keston, Dee Loftus and other stars. The creative team includes Rob Lindley, director (Artistic Associate), Benjamin Bender (Ragtime and Phantom orchestra) as musical director, Bill Ingraham, asst. director (Artistic Associate), Laura Scheinbaum, and choreographer, Kurt Sharp, scenic design, Justin Wurdell, lighting design and Elizabeth Winkler costume design.

The performance schedule is Fri at 8pm, Sat at 2:30 and 8pm and Sun at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$14, Fri and \$15 Sat and Sun. The box office number is 773-327-5252. The web is [www.forchlighttheatre.com](http://www.forchlighttheatre.com). For group rates call 312-423-6612.

Forchlight Music Theatre the rapidly growing mid-size company has staged 36 shows including numerous premieres. It has recently received 5 Jeff Awards in 2007.

Provision Theatre news  
Provision Theatre begins its fourth season with the Chicago premiere of *CS Lewis on Stage*. It runs November 15-December 23 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N Halsted. The one-man show *CS Lewis on Stage* stars Bradley Armstrong. He played *Scrooge* for many years, is a Jeff Award winning Chicago-based actor and well known for performances at CST, Goodman and Victory Gardens.

*CS Lewis on Stage*

captures the personality and fiction of the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Shadowlands* and *The Screwtape Letters*. *CS Lewis on Stage* give the audience an intimate look at the man we've all read, but know nothing about. Tickets are \$18-21 and can be reserved by calling 312-988-9000.

Rossy Bumpo presents *Philadelphia Story*

Rossy Bumpo presents *Philadelphia Story* a classic comedy of manners. The

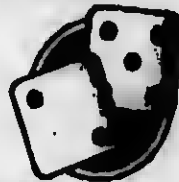
production is November 19 to January 4, 2008 at the Upstairs Mainstage at the Victory Gardens Greenhouse Theatre, 2257 N Lincoln in Chicago. The show stars Artistic Associate Gregory Anderson and Anahel Amador along with other Chicago actors. Tickets are \$35-540. The VO box office number is 773-871-3000 or visit the web [www.vgtheatre.com](http://www.vgtheatre.com). The production is Wed-Fri at 7:30pm, Sat 2:30 and 7:30pm and Sun at 2:30pm.



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## Moraine Valley Trustees Approve Final Bond Sale

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees approved the college's third and final bond issue of \$73.75 million on October 18 for the \$89 million building program the community approved in March 2004.

Bonds are structured to be sold in \$5,000 denominations and will pay interest semiannually at rates set on the sale date of October 18, based on prevailing municipal market interest rates. The \$5,000 denomination was done so that members of the community had an opportunity to invest in Moraine Valley.

Trustees approved the first sale of \$10 million at its November 2006 meeting and a \$5.25 million issue at its December 2006 meeting. The Moody's bond rating of

Aa1 and the tax rate of 5.43 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation is an improvement from the tax rate estimates given during the first two sales.

The Aa1 rating, according to Moody's, "reflects the district's substantial and economically diverse tax base; consistently sound financial operations supported by healthy reserves; and a favorable debt profile." Moody's also noted that it anticipates the district's "strong financial position to continue for the foreseeable future given its historically conservative budgeting practices...and strong management team."

Because of the top rating and favorable market conditions, Moraine Valley was able to lower the tax rate to 5.43 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. An owner of a home valued at \$200,000, for example, can expect to pay an additional \$48 in taxes in 2007. During the referendum campaign in 2006, college officials conservatively estimated

the tax rate at 7.65 cents per \$100 equalized assessed valuation, or about a \$39 increase.

"We are pleased that we can continue to maintain a lower tax rate than we had estimated last March," said Joseph Murphy, board chairman. "Once again our high bond rating and subsequent lower tax rate because of our fiscal accountability demonstrates the good stewardship the college has sustained over the years."

Voters approved the referendum on March 21 that will allow the college to construct a science building and an instructional and job training center on campus and renovate and expand the current College Center. Additionally, the college will establish a southwest education center, renovate the college's original buildings and upgrade technology.

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## Reavis High School To Be Hosting Parents' Curriculum Night

Reavis High School - District 220, in Burbank, Illinois will be hosting a Parents' Curriculum Night on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The evening will feature a presentation of the proposed curriculum changes for the 2008-2009 school year. Parents will have a chance to ask questions of administration in regards to the updated Curriculum Guide before changes are presented to the Reavis High School Board of Education. The meeting will take place in the Raymond Erbes Library at the high school.

## Mount Assisi's Math Team Earns High Scores

Mount Assisi Academy's Math Team participated in the Catholic Math League South (CMLS) Math Contest that took place on Saturday, October 27, 2007 in New Lenox.

Under the guidance and direction of teachers and team managers Mr. Linda Pich and Mr. Steve McDermott, 10 Mount Assisi students earned high scoring medals in the competition. Senior Selvidya Ranganathan (Lemont) earned a high score for her work in Pre-Calculus. Juniors Mary Doyle (Homer Glen), Jessica Kaporoski (Homer Glen) and Lauren Smirnovs (Orland Park) tied for high marks in Algebra II. Sophomores Amanda Giamatti (Lombard) and Maria Rodolfo (Lombard), and freshmen Mary Kate Lawler (Lombard) and Ashley Muehl (Orland Park) also tied for high scores in Geometry and Algebra I, respectively. Seniors Mary Tully (Chicago) and Julie Myrskowski (Pulaski Heights) earned second place in Orville.


For several consecutive school years, Mount Assisi's Math Team has received recognition for their outstanding work in the CMLS Math Contest. The Math Team has also participated in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) regional and state competitions and has earned numerous awards.

For more information on Mount Assisi's Math Team, please call (630) 257-7844.

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## Chicago Opera Theater Unveils New Brand Identity and Re-launches Website

On the heels of a highly successful 2007 season, Chicago Opera Theater has launched a new brand identity - its first comprehensive brand since the company was founded in 1974 - and a completely updated website at [ChicagoOperaTheater.org](http://ChicagoOperaTheater.org).

"Chicago Opera Theater now has a look and feel that is as first-class and edgy as what you find on our stages," says General Director Brian Dittler. "It's a superb representation of who we've become."

"Our new identity confirms the company's evolution from an 'opera in English company' to a premier, world-class, mid-size opera company specializing in works from the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries," commented Catherine Flanagan, COT's Director of Marketing.

"Since Brian Dittler's arrival in 2000, the company's growing reputation has brought it great acclaim from both the Chicago community and the local, national and international press. Our move to the Music Theater for Music and Drama in Millennium Park in 2004 has meant that we've been able to greatly expand our audience. We're now well known for our intimate and innovative productions presented by top-tier, internationally renowned conductors, directors, and designers. We've been fortunate that we have been able to attract some of the most talented young artists in the world to perform in Chicago, so that there are many of today's young opera stars who made their U.S. or Chicago debut with COT. With all this progress, we thought it was time to update COT's look to better reflect the reality of today's Chicago Opera Theater."

In developing the new identity, the COT team worked closely with Jason Pichtman from JJJ Design. Jason's other clients include ArtChicago, the Renaissance Society and the Museum of Contemporary Photography, so he really understands our place in the Chicago cultural landscape. Flanagan commented, "He was a perfect partner and worked well with our own contracted designer, Shannon Schaefer, who created the new website for us."

Chicago Opera Theater's 2008 Season begins April 10th at the Music Theater in Millennium Park and includes Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, the Midwest premiere of John Adams' *A. El Niño*, and Handel's *Olympa*.

For more information contact: Catherine Flanagan, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at 312-704-8428 ext. 25

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## Steppenwolf cleans up at Jeff Awards

By Marijo Doody

Tracy Letts' new Broadway running production 'August: Osage County' took six awards at the recent 2007 Joseph Jefferson Awards. They were Production-Play, Ensemble, (Steppenwolf Theatre Company), New Work-Play, (Tracy Letts) Director-Play, (Anna O Shapiro), Actress - Principal Role-Denise Dunagan (There is talk of a Tony) and Best Set Design (Todd Rosenthal).

Porchlight's Ragtime took four Jeff Awards for Production-Musical, Director-Musical (L. Walter Sturges), Actor in a Supporting Role (Aaron Graham) and Music Direction (Ragtime Diner).

Other Awards went to the following: Production-Revue and Director - The All Night Strut-Mariotti Theatre, New Work-Musical-The Adding Machine-Next Theatre Company, New adaptation-Mary Zimmerman for Argonautika at Lookingglass Theatre, Actor in principal role-play-Ben Carlson-Hamlet-CST, Actor-musical-David Hoot-Steppenwolf, Mariotti, Actress-principal role-musical-Ernestine Jackson-Court Theatre's Raisin.

More Awards are: Actor-supporting role-play-Mary Cooper-The Prize-Shattered Globe Theatre, Cameo performance-Douglas Vickers-The Best Man-Lazy Bumpo Theatre, Actress-supporting role-play-Penny Sinker-Another Part of the Forest-Writers' Theatre, Actress-supporting role-musical-Sara R. Scivigny.

Assassins-Porchlight Theatre, Actor and actress in a review-Charles Bevel (Mississippi) and Molly Andrews in Fire on the Mountain-Northlight Theatre. That was absolutely great!

Creative awards were Choreography-Marc Robin, Beverly Durand, Mark Eckstein, et al The All Night Strut at Mariotti, costume, sound and lighting design: Mom Blumenfeld-Mirror of the Invisible World, Richard Woodbury-King Lear and John Calbert-Mirror at Goodman Theatre. Original incidental music award went to Michael Budenz-Mirror-Goodman Theatre. An artistic specialization award went to Michael Montenegro, puppet design Writers Theatre. Jackie Taylor Black Ensemble Theatre received a special award. 2007 was an excellent year.

## Family Fair at Drury Lane Oakbrook

by Marijo Doody

The charming family musical classic Meet Me in St. Louis is currently running at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. This is a very nostalgic production for the whole family. The beloved movie from MGM shines forth on the stage as we travel back in time to the 1900's. It is utterly entertaining as three boys with treble clefs, and excitement is abound as the

World Fair is coming.

The Smith family world is changing. Rose and Ester (Jill Kelley) and Jessie Mueller) dream of happily ever after with their handsome beaux. The younger girls dream and make mischief. Mr. Smith (Papa) played marvelously by Michael Gerhart announces he got a promotion to go to New York. Needless to say there is a lack of communication in the family.

The show-stoppers are the dance numbers (Tammy Mader-choreographer) and the treasured musical-score (Musical Director-Margaret James). Jim Cord is director.

Meet Me in St. Louis has beloved songs that include the title song along with Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, The Trolley Song, and The Boy Next Door. It makes you want to sing these familiar melodies and dance! The play was on Broadway for 252 performances and it was revived in 1989. The movie starred Betty Gravat.

Performance schedule is Wed, Thurs at 1:30pm, Fri at 1:30pm, Sat at 5 and 8:20pm and Sun at 2 and 6pm. There are lunch or dinner show packages. Show prices range \$25-\$50 depending on day. Call the box office at 530-530-0111 for reservations.



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# Classified

Dear Editor,

With growing concern about climate change, gasoline prices and instability in oil-producing regions, Congress is poised to make significant changes in our energy policy this fall. In their quest for a solution, lawmakers would be wise to strike a balance on fuel economy standards. It is certainly time for an acceptable increase; however, there is a big difference between enacting an industry toward reasonable efficiency gains and drastic, reckless changes that will throw the auto industry, and the jobs associated with it, into bankruptcy.

Even as manufacturing jobs decline, automobile manufacturing still fuels the American economy. The auto industry accounts for one in seven workers in America. Every state in the union has jobs connected to automotive manufacturing. In Illinois alone, there are more than 95,000 jobs directly related to the automotive industry.

While the auto industry is developing some of the most advanced pollution-reducing technologies of any industry, there remains a significant campaign against them. The auto industry is committed to being part of the solution and is in support of changes in the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) program which dictates fuel economy standards. However, extreme increases have real costs: fewer automotive options and sales; increased bankruptcies within the auto industry; and loss of thousands of lost jobs. If the standards are raised too high and cannot be absorbed by technology alone, automakers are forced to restructure operations, downsize or change the content of their fleet. Arbitrary CAFE standards negatively impact not just auto companies, but also thousands of manufacturers that supply the industry. Everything from chemical, glass, rubber, electronics as well as other suppliers and service providers would feel the impact of an unreasonable CAFE standard.

Congress would be wise to set the maximum feasible CAFE standard and provide automakers with the flexibility they need to meet higher standards without sacrificing cost, consumer choice and safety. This sort of sensible approach is included in CAFE legislation introduced by Reps. Barack H. Obama, D-Ill., and Lee Terry, R-Neb. Their bill, H.R. 2927, sets aggressive CAFE standards and it also considers the economic importance of a vibrant American auto industry.

The H.R. 2927 proposal maintains the distinction between passenger cars and light trucks and will not force American automakers to sharply reduce the number of trucks they manufacture. While many customers value fuel economy, they also want many other attributes in today's vehicles such as safety, passenger and cargo room, performance, towing, hauling capacity and more.

Finally, Congress should recognize that meeting unreasonable fuel economy standards shifts research dollars away from advanced technologies like hybrids and hydrogen vehicles and alternative fuels such as ethanol, biodiesel and other biofuels. These fields have shown a lot of promise and could solve the real issues Congress hopes to address. Instead of harassing the auto industry with increased government regulations, it would be smart to allow auto companies to invest in research and development to find alternative sources of energy and new technologies for vehicles. Through the use of diverse fuels and diverse automobiles, we can impact fuel efficiency and energy independence without making American automobile workers pay the price.

Douglas Whitely

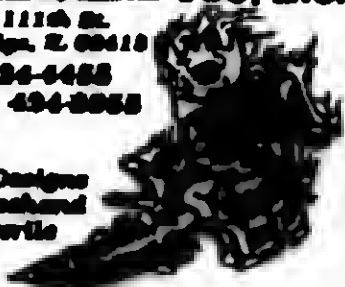
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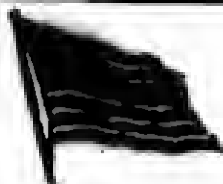
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Pictured left to right, in background are Al Riley, State Rep. of the 38<sup>th</sup> District; Barbara Polanco, Vice President of the Board for Crisis Center for South Suburbia; Ram Shephard, President of Great Lakes Bank of Choice; Fred Mansfield, Chairman of the Great Lakes Financial Resources Charitable Foundation, Inc.; Young Kyle Tyler Williams is in the center. On the ground left to right are Karri Bielewicz and Missi Olson from Kohl's Department Store; and Edward Vega, Sr., Executive Director of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new playground for Crisis Center for South Suburbia

Crisis Center for South Suburbia held a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday, October 22 for the new and improved playground used by children victims of abuse.

Child victims of abuse need an outlet such as a private and protected playground. Play is important in every child's healing process.

The idea to improve the already existing playground equipment started more than a year ago with the realization the original wooden equipment, funded by the White Sox Wives and constructed in 1991, was aging and was showing wear from use.

Instrumental in the project was Mark Fiore, sales manager for Let's Go Play, Inc. He helped plan and design the playground as it stands today. His design is friendly to children of all ages and needs. Let's Go Play, Inc. was also able to donate a new swing set for the playground.

Great Lakes Bank Charitable Foundation donated \$25,000 to the project. Community members also participated by giving dollar donations.

The project would not have been affordable to the agency had there not been so many volunteers helping organize and complete the project. Volunteers included those from the agency, Boy Scouts from Troop 378 and Troop 725, members from Harris Bank, community service volunteers and volunteers from Advanced Ground Care Products. Various other organizations donated time and money to the completion of the project. Enduro Safe rubber chips, one of the newest ways of using safe flooring for playgrounds, were installed with the savings earned using volunteers.

For more information, call the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, at 708/429-7233 ext. 26 or visit [www.crisiscc.org](http://www.crisiscc.org).

## Orland to complete Main Street Triangle

By Matt Mayer

Orland Park officials recently agreed to incorporate Orland Plaza at 143rd and LaGrange Road into the Main Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, which was approved in 2006. A TIF district uses revenues to finance improvements within the district, and allows for incentives to be offered to developers. A TIF is also exempt from local taxing bodies, such as schools and libraries. The taxes are frozen at the pre-development rate, and remain at the rate until a TIF is paid off. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

The original project didn't include the L-shaped Orland Plaza, which has been home to Randy's Market, Symon's Jewelers, Reading for the Blind, Orland Bakery and more. Officials said the development of this parcel would complete the Main Street Triangle, which borders 143rd Street, LaGrange Road, Southwest Highway, and Union Street. Village officials approved the site plan at the Oct. 1 Board of Trustees meeting for a mix use development, which is slated to include nearly 5,000 square feet of business space on the ground level and 21 condominiums, which will range from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet, with a projected starting price in the vicinity of \$400,000. The parcel is to be developed by Richard Altmeyer.



The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission will host its annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Orland Park Park Veterans' Memorial, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The names of 28 veterans have been added to Orland Park's wall since the commission's Memorial Day Ceremony. These veterans and their families will be recognized at Orland Park's ceremony.

## Orland Park Commission to Host Vets' Day Ceremony

### Sponsor Needed for Ceremony Flyover

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission will hold its annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

The ceremony will be held at the Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial, Air Force - Place of Peace, located south of Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Past Orland Park ceremonies have included a military plane fly over but a sponsor has not been found for this year's event.

"Weather permitting, we have a Douglas C-47, the 'Black Sparrow,' scheduled to fly over; however, we need a sponsor to help pay for it," explained Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blumner.

Korean War Veteran Bob Bos will pilot the exact replica of the aircraft that was the lead of the 302<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Troop Carrier Command, 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force during the D-Day invasion of Normandy in 1944. But Zachary is the copilot.

"We need a total of \$800," Blumner explained. "We would be grateful for any contribution that would help to defray this cost," she explained.

Benefactors willing to

sponsor the flyover are asked to contact Blumner at 708/403-4200. All contributions will be publicly thanked in the program for the event.

At the ceremony, Orland Park's Robert Teasdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2604 will begin its campaign entitled, "Fly A Flag for a Veteran."

"Mayor McLaughlin will read a proclamation about this community wide effort at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting," Blumner explained.

"The vets are calling on the entire community to show the patriotism we witnessed after 9/11. The Village of Orland Park is joining the VFW in encouraging people to fly the flag at their homes and show those who have served our country and are serving now that we're grateful for their efforts on our behalf," she added.

The names of 28 veterans have been added to Orland Park's memorial since the commission's Memorial Day Ceremony. Each of these veterans and their families will be recognized during the November 11 festivities. Patriotic hymns will be performed by the Carver's sisters and the Boy Scouts will help with the ceremony.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend Orland Park's ceremony.

## Orland Park Kicks Off Holiday Season

The Village of Orland Park will kick-off the holiday season by hosting the 2007 Winter Festival on Sunday, November 25, 2007 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. with the arrival of Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Santa at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14730 South Ravinia Avenue.

There will be a fireworks display at 5:30 p.m. in the Humphrey Field, visible from the Civic Center and village hall parking lots. The Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony will follow at 5:45 p.m. outside the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, where Mayor McLaughlin will light the village tree and holiday displays along Ravinia Avenue, officially marking the start of the holiday season in the Village of Orland Park.

The entire community is invited to join Mayor Dan McLaughlin and the Village Board of Trustees as the village celebrates the start of the holiday season in Orland Park. Visit and have your photo taken with Santa. Holiday elves will be face painting and the kids can make and take a holiday craft.

Blown Concert Band, Victorian Christmas Carols and Carl Sandburg High School Chamber Singers will provide continuous entertainment throughout the afternoon. Stilt Walker Mike Mirosh will entertain from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and then present his special magic show with juggling and balloons from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride around the village center between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy a special trolley ride down Ravinia Avenue to Centennial Park to see all the lighted holiday displays. The trolley will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission to the event is free. Tender Joe's will provide an array of delicious desserts and lemon juice will be offering samples of fruit smoothies. The Orland Park Theatre Troupe is sponsoring concessions featuring hot dogs, cheese dogs, chili dogs, hot chocolate, soda and coffee for purchase. For more information, please call 708/403-6145.





CJB 3rd Grade teacher Marie Iannotta poses with her students (from left to right) Brian Santos, Frank Belfus, Carl Kowry w/h the washing machine, Caitlin Sheehan and Lila Kostulanski.

## CJB Halloween Parade Creates a Stir in Orland Hills

If you were driving on 167<sup>th</sup> Street past Cardinal Bernardini School on Halloween and saw a washing machine walking down the sidewalk, you are not losing your mind. This was just one of many creative costumes that were seen in the annual CJB Halloween Parade. Others included a housework assignment without a name and a bumper cushion. The parade was led by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who escorted the kindergartners along the main drive of the school, while over 100 parents and grandparents, many of whom were in costume as well, watched and cheered the children on.

The CJB teachers also joined in the fun by dressing up and proudly leading their classes past the spectators. Principal Judy Schuster, dressed as a pumpkin, and Assistant Principal Bonita Brown brought up the rear of the parade with waves and shouts of "Happy Halloween."

Following the parade, the students enjoyed the annual Halloween parties in their classrooms. More than 40 parent volunteers were on hand to run the various games and activities. Students could be seen wrapping each other like mummies, passing the hot pumpkin, and playing Halloween limbo. The hallways were filled with laughter and music.

At the end of the day, the winners of the "Best Costume" contest were announced. One lucky winner in each grade received a movie theater gift card. Junior high students celebrated Halloween with their fellow classmates by attending a special showing of "Halloween" at the Marcus Theater.

## Fundraiser For Dan Marachan Nov. 18, 2007

Dan Has Cancer But Cancer Does Not Have Dan!!

Dan Marachan is a dedicated and energetic 17 year old Marist High School student with aspirations of a career in the medical field. Dan is a Marist Student Ambassador, who also plays trumpet and is a drum major for his high school band. Dan is also an outstanding member of the track team. Dan was recently diagnosed with AML - Acute Myeloid Leukemia. AML is a fast growing cancer of the blood and bone marrow which requires many aggressive chemotherapy treatments, blood and platelet transfusions and possible bone marrow transplant. We are having a benefit on November 18th at 115 Bourbon Street in Morrisons Park IL (115th & Kedzie) from 3 to 8pm. Ticket cost is \$20 a person. Any raffle donation would be very much appreciated. The Dan Marachan Benefit Fund account has been set up at Founders Bank in Tinley Park for any monetary donations. Prayers and any act of kindness is very much needed for this young man. God Bless You & Your Family!

Please contact Dawn at 708-363-7291 - Kristy 708-635-4633 - Britney at 708-692-2989 - Tam 708-633-0830 - for more information.

## South Holland Is Most Livable Suburb In Midwest

The Village of South Holland is the most livable metro-area suburb in the entire Midwest, according to a recent study conducted by *Forbes.com*. South Holland earned this honor as a result of its offerings of affordable homes and low taxes, as well as opportunities to send your kids to good schools, build relationships with well-educated neighbors and enjoy the safety of low crime.

"The Village of South Holland is one of the best-kept secrets in the Chicago area," said Mayor Don A. De Graff. "The emphasis in South Holland for years has been on the high quality of service and amenities you receive here."

*Forbes* magazine's web site conducted the study using a statistical database, *NeighborhoodScout.com*, "that gathers figures from the U.S. Census, the National Center for Education Statistics, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, the FBI and the U.S. Justice Department at the granular neighborhood level."

According to *Forbes*, "Every suburb within short range of the 15 largest metros was evaluated based on factors ranging from the quality of schools and the size and price of houses to the safety of the neighborhood and the education level of neighbors."

The Village of South Holland is a friendly, middle-class, residential community full of choice and opportunity, with a vibrant business community. This unique community observes quiet Sundays and has no apartment buildings. Residents enjoy family friendly festivals and events, a beautiful Community Center, and efficiently delivered municipal services. Just 25 minutes from downtown Chicago, the Village of South Holland is the number one community in the Midwest to call "Home!"

## Orland Park Police Awarded LEED Gold Certification

Award to be presented at Village Board Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2007

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has awarded the Village of Orland Park Police Department the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification for its new police station. It is the only police facility in the country and the first project of this kind in the south suburbs to achieve the LEED Gold Certificate.

The award will be presented at the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Orland Park Police Station, 15100 South Ravinia Avenue.

LEED Design evaluates buildings in five categories: water efficiency, indoor air quality, sustainable site, energy and atmosphere and materials.

Working closely with the

Orland Park Police Department, SRBL Architects of Deerfield, Illinois recycled an existing commercial warehouse at the corner of 151<sup>st</sup> Street and Ravinia Avenue into a new 65,175 square foot facility that includes staff and administrative offices, training room, evidence room, library, men's and women's locker rooms, processing area with eight male and six female holding cells and a rally port.

The parking lots are paved with porous bricks to reduce water run off. An underground cistern in front of the station collects rain water for irrigating lawns and landscaping. The building is "capped" with a white roof that reflects sunlight and conserves energy. The building "borrows" light from an exterior glass curtain wall and light monitors on the roof. This design brings natural light throughout the structure and minimizes light fixtures and the energy to power them. Interior light monitors provide natural lighting for employee work areas and help with energy conservation by lighting work areas that would otherwise require artificial lights. Light monitors sense when someone enters a room, going on. And, when a room is vacant for a period of time, the lights automatically shut off.

Orland Park's new police headquarters was dedicated on May 1, 2007. The facility provides enough space to meet the department's needs for the next 40 years.

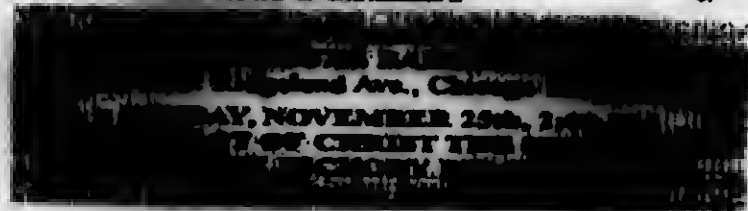
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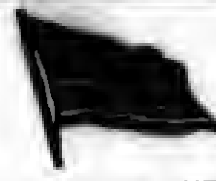
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## Moraine Valley, Northwestern to host Medical Education Series discussion on prostate cancer

Moraine Valley Community College will host a Medical Education Series discussion on "Prostate Cancer: the Silent Killer," from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the College Center's Moraine Rooms, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The discussion will cover who is at risk for prostate cancer, how the disease is diagnosed, the basic stages of the disease, the prognosis at each stage, and treatment options.

Dr. Kent T. Perry, Jr., M.D., will facilitate the event. Dr. Perry is co-director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Program in the Department of Urology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed his Urologic Surgery training at Northwestern Memorial



Dr. Kent T. Perry, Jr., M.D., will facilitate a discussion on "Prostate Cancer: the Silent Killer," from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.

Hospital with a focus on Minimally Invasive Surgery. He completed a laparoscopic and robotic surgery fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles, and was recruited from

Loyola University to serve as a member of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Team and co-director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Program at Northwestern. Dr. Perry's practice focuses on Laparoscopic and Robotic surgery for renal and prostate cancers as well as the management of kidney stones.

This event is co-hosted by Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Moraine Valley's Health Sciences Programs, and is supported by a Carl D. Perkins grant. Admission to the discussion is free.

For the past four years, Moraine Valley and Northwestern Memorial Hospital have combined efforts to host several Medical Education Series discussions in a variety of health topics, including cardiology, urology and ophthalmology.

For more information, call (708) 608-4152, or e-mail Frieda Berke at [berke@morainevalley.edu](mailto:berke@morainevalley.edu).

## Christmas Around the World AND Holidays of Light 2007

at Museum of Science and Industry

A Museum of Science and Industry time-honored celebration, Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light features more than 30 dazzling trees and display—decorated by members of Chicago's ethnic community—that celebrate holiday customs from around the world. Guests will be whisked away on an around-the-world tour with this year's theme *The Spirit of Travel*, in honor of the Museum's temporary exhibit, *National Geographic Maps: Tools for Adventure. Holidays of Light*, now in its 12th year, showcases various global holidays that celebrate light or enlightenment, such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Diwali.

The exhibit will kick off on Friday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m. with the lighting of the 40-foot Grand Tree, a performance by the Radio City Rockettes and ethnic performances.

Additional festivities throughout the duration of both displays include ethnic dancing and singing, storytellers and school choirs. A detailed schedule of special events and performances will be available in November 2007 at [www.msi-chicago.org](http://www.msi-chicago.org).

Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light 2007 is sponsored by: Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUBS; and American Family Insurance.

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## Bloomin' Preschoolers at Palos Heights

Registration is currently underway at Palos Heights Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th St., for the new Bloomin' Preschoolers program which will begin Friday, November 9 from 9:30am to 11:30am for three to five year olds.

The cost of this class which will run for five weeks is \$48 for residents and \$68 for all others.

Bloomin' Preschoolers will not only keep children active with hands-on activities in the areas of science, music, and language arts, but may also be used to extend their preschool experience. Basic preschool subjects such as the alphabet, numbers, and colors will be reinforced. Socialization and independence skills will also be benefits of this program.

For more information on this and other early childhood classes, call Palos Heights Parks & Recreation (708) 361-1807.

For more information regarding this and other preschool age summer programs, call the Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department (708) 361-1807.

## Veterans Day Ceremony in Palos Hills

The Palos Hills Resource & Recreation Dept will honor Veterans Day with a ceremony to be held at the Veterans Memorial, Town Square Park 8455 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 10am.

We will be joined by US Coast Guard, 9th District Station, Calumet Harbor, Sector Park 84728, Stagg High School Choir and several former Military members that will lay winter wreaths on the Memorial markers.

We will also be accepting worn flags for proper disposal. The Flag Code suggests that "when a flag has served its useful purpose it should be destroyed. Unserviceable flags left with us will be disposed of by the military at a military location in a dignified and solemn ceremony," said Mary Jo Vincent, Resource & Recreation Commissioner.

## Thanksgiving Family Night at the Center

Families with members from all generations are invited to a Thanksgiving Family Night at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, on Sunday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The Family Night is an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner, for which each family is asked to contribute a homemade potluck item to complement the turkey from The Center's ovens. Following dinner, two heartwarming interactive Thanksgiving plays will be presented after being cast from the audience.

The Center's Camp Committee is sponsoring the Family Night as a benefit for The Center's Camp Scholarship Fund, which enables children to come to summer camp who would otherwise be financially unable to do so. Family Night programs cost \$12.50 per adult and \$6.50 per child, and require advance reservations. For reservations and further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3630.

## Galena Artists' Guild to open Winter/Holiday Show Nov. 9

The Galena Artists' Guild Gallery will open its Winter/Holiday Show with a public reception at the guild's gallery on Friday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery, at 324 Spring St. (US Hwy 20) in Galena, just past the turn toward historic Main Street, offers free parking in a municipal lot across the street.

On view through Jan. 13, 2008, the exhibit will focus on smaller art pieces, all with dimensions no larger than 14 inches. According to Guild President Sally Bischof, "We thought it would be fun to 'think small' for this show, with gift-giving in mind. The gallery is a great one-stop-shopping destination for all

holiday gifts and all price points."

The show will include painting done in various media, collage, photography, sculpture, ceramics, basketry, glass art, jewelry, altered books and painted rocks. Many art card sets and individual art cards are also on display at the gallery. "Handmade or reproduction art cards make spectacular gift tags," said Bischof, "and, when wrapped together in groupings or packaged collections, they make unique, useful and affordable gifts."

For more information on the Galena Artists' Guild, please call (815) 777-2870 or [www.galenaartists.com](http://www.galenaartists.com). For information on shopping, dining, lodging, spas, attractions, events and more, please visit [www.galena.org](http://www.galena.org) or call the Galena/DeWitt County Convention & Visitors Bureau toll-free at 877-464-2336.

## The Center Luncheon

The history of The Center will be the topic of a luncheon program at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, on Tuesday, November 13.

Program Director Lois Lauer will show slides and tell stories of Center history, with particular attention to the past 25 years and the legacy of Director Emeritus Frank W. Sanders. The Nov 13 program culminates a series of programs presented during 2007 in honor of The Center's 75th anniversary.

The program begins with a luncheon at 12 noon, and costs \$14 per person. Advance reservations are required. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3630.



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## Symphony Center Presents "Spiritual Sounds of Central Asia"

Musical presentation of  
central Asia's ancient past  
with the Alim Qasimov  
Ensemble, the Bardic Divas  
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Age Khan Historic Cities  
Program on display at  
Symphony Center Friday,  
November 9 through Sunday,  
November 11.

Symphony Center presents  
"Spiritual Sounds of Central  
Asia: Nomads, Mystics and  
Troubadours"—a curated  
program with music of  
central Asia's ancient past,  
featuring the Alim Qasimov  
Ensemble, the Bardic Divas  
and the Badakhshan  
Ensemble—on Friday,  
November 9 at 8 p.m. The  
program will include photo  
projections and film  
segments to introduce the  
music and the  
instruments within the social  
context of their home  
countries; and superlative  
with translations of song  
lyrics. The 2007 "Spiritual  
Sounds of Central Asia" tour  
is a collaboration between  
the Age Khan Music  
Initiative in central Asia and  
the New York-based World  
Music Institute.

During the days surrounding  
the concert, the Age Khan  
Historic Cities Program will  
bring their new traveling  
exhibit to Symphony Center.  
This free exhibit showcases  
major restoration projects  
undertaken by the Age Khan  
Historic Cities Program  
including Al Azhar Park (a  
72-acre urban "green space"  
in the midst of historic  
Cairo); the stone mausoleum in  
Mali; and projects in  
Afghanistan, India and Syria.  
The exhibit provides insight  
into how preservation of  
historic cultural and religious  
monuments serves as a  
catalyst for socio-economic  
development and how the  
revitalization of architecture  
can build bridges between  
the past and present Muslim  
world. The exhibit, presented  
by the Age Khan Trust for  
Culture, is free of charge and  
open to the public; it will be

on display in Symphony  
Center's Rotunda on Friday,  
November 9 from 12 noon to  
10 p.m.; on Saturday,  
November 10 from 10 a.m.  
to 10 p.m.; and on Sunday,  
November 11 from 10 a.m.  
to 5 p.m. The ensemble  
performs mystical songs  
from the majestic Pamir  
mountain range of Tajikistan  
and Afghanistan, an area  
known in Persia as *Behistan*—  
"the roof of the world." The  
Bardic Divas feature two  
singers from Kazakhstan  
and two from Karakalpakstan,  
an autonomous republic within  
Uzbekistan that borders the  
Aral Sea. Ulzhan

Balbayanova is a *kyrau*—an  
apic singer and one of the  
first women of her generation  
to master this traditionally  
male Kazakh art form. Her  
voice is reflected in the rhy-  
thmic recitative in which  
she recites Kazakh oral  
poetry. Joining her is Ardash  
Isaeva, from the Jambyl  
region of Kazakhstan, and  
Ziyade Sheripova and  
Izabela Saburova, the first  
woman to perform a  
traditional male bardic  
repertoire from  
Karakalpakstan.  
World Music at Symphony  
Center is sponsored by Sara  
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Complete event information  
follows: Friday, November 9,  
12 noon-10 p.m.  
Saturday, November 10, 10  
a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday,  
November 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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600-223-7114, or visiting the  
CSO's Web site,  
www.cso.org, or visiting the  
Symphony Center Box  
Office at 230 South  
Michigan Avenue, Chicago,  
IL 60604. Artists, programs  
and ticket prices are subject  
to change.



## Providence Catholic supports Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was enacted at Providence Catholic  
High School in late October. The Red Ribbon Campaign  
began in 1985 as a response to the torture and death of a  
federal drug enforcement agent, Enrique Camarena. Wearing  
and displaying red ribbons are signs that an individual is  
against the possession, sale, purchase and use of illegal drugs  
or any drug used in an illegal or unhealthy way. This includes  
the use of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21.

Providence Catholic took many steps to promote  
awareness for its students. At the beginning of the week,  
Providence Department aides distributed red wristbands to  
the entire student body, while Student Council and AYM  
members tied red ribbons to all the car antennas in the  
school's parking lot. Additionally, all students, faculty and staff  
were encouraged to wear red to display their stand against  
the illegal use of drugs and alcohol. Furthermore, dozens of  
anti-drug and alcohol posters were created by students in  
their Health classes and placed throughout the school's  
cafeteria.

## Christmas Around the World AND Holidays of Light 2007

at Museum of Science and  
Industry

A Museum of Science and  
Industry time-honored  
celebration, Christmas  
Around the World and  
Holidays of Light features  
more than 50 dazzling trees  
and display—decorated by  
members of Chicago's  
ethnic community—that  
celebrate holiday customs  
from around the world.  
Guests will be whisked away  
on an around-the-world tour  
with this year's theme *The  
Spirit of Travel*, in honor of  
the Museum's temporary  
exhibit, *National  
Geographic Maps: Tools for  
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## Lipinski Helps Introduce Bill to Protect Americans from Unsafe Products - Congressman Criticizes Bush Administration for Lax Enforcement of Consumer Protections

Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) joined Rep.  
Bobby Rush (D-IL) in introducing comprehensive consumer  
protection legislation, the Consumer Product Safety  
Modernization Act. This legislation takes a number of steps  
to improve the safety of consumer goods, especially those  
intended for children, and strengthens the Consumer  
Product Safety Commission, which is the independent  
federal agency charged with verifying the safety of products  
sold in the United States.

In the last several months, products such as children's  
jewelry and toys have been recalled after they were found  
to contain dangerous amounts of lead. And over 1 million  
defective cribs were recalled after causing the deaths of at  
least three infants. All of these products were manufactured  
in China. In fact, over 21 million products manufactured in  
China have been deemed dangerous and recalled since this  
summer.

"Due to irresponsible trade policies and the Bush  
Administration's lax enforcement of consumer protection,  
unsafe and dangerous goods from China and elsewhere are  
entering our homes putting Americans and especially  
children at risk," said Rep. Lipinski. "The legislation we  
are introducing today will strengthen consumer protection  
law and help prevent future tragedies caused by unsafe  
products."

Among other things, the Consumer Product Safety  
Modernization Act bans any children's product that contains  
more than trace amounts of lead and mandates independent  
third-party safety testing of all products intended for  
children. The act also contains a number of provisions that  
will aid in timely and complete recalls of products already  
on the market if they are found to be unsafe or faulty. This  
legislation also provides robust funding for the Consumer  
Product Safety Commission to ensure that the agency is  
able to effectively carry out its mission of protecting the  
American public from unsafe products.

"At a time when reports of recalls and unsafe products  
are surfacing daily, action is needed now to protect  
American consumers," said Rep. Lipinski. "Parents should  
not have to wonder whether the crib or toy they bought for  
their child is safe and America's trade partners should not  
be allowed to sell us unsafe goods. I will continue to work  
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### Evergreen Park approves AT&T cable ordinances

The village board approved ordinances for AT&T to provide cable television service in the village at the Nov. 5, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. The following ordinances are: An ordinance amending a chapter of the municipal code pertaining to the licensees, taxation and miscellaneous business regulation, by adding a cable and video customer protection law article.

An ordinance amending a chapter of the municipal code pertain to taxation and miscellaneous business regulation, by adding a cable/video service provider fee and a peg access support fee.

By adding an article for an ordinance amending a chapter of the municipal code by adding an article pertaining to streets and sidewalk standards for the construction of facilities in right-of-ways.

Other highlights: The board approved an agreement for the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) with the county. The funds are slated to be used for the former Christian Reform Church on the 9500 block of Homan Avenue that is now village owned. A request from Police Chief Mike Saunders for LT. Peter Donovan to attend the FBI National Academy for the 232nd National Academy session was approved as well as a request for Scott Campbell to participate in the police department's college student internship program was also approved. Mayor James Sexton announced that the fire department received

an Award of Commendation from the Illinois Fire Inspector Association for achieving a village-wide smoke alarm program, which was conducted in the fall of 2006. The curbside leaf container pick up service is scheduled to conclude on December 15.

### 'Click It or Ticket'

With a grant received from the Illinois Department of Transportation the Oak Lawn Police Department will be detailing officers to conduct several seat belt enforcement operations throughout the village. The first enforcement operation will take place from November 16 2007 through December 02, 2007. It is the goal of the Oak Lawn Police Department to help keep vehicle occupants safe as they travel to and from their destinations.

Illinois motorists are buckling up at an all time record rate, with 90.1 percent of drivers and front seat passengers wearing seat belts and helping prevent traffic accidents. Only 10 states in the country attained 90 percent safety belt use last year. Ten percent of the population is still risking their lives when they are driving without a safety belt. The Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety is working with the Oak Lawn Police to push for zero tolerance toward drivers who fail to heed our warnings: 'Click It or Ticket!'

Fatalities on Illinois roads have steadily declined since the Governor signed the primary safety belt enforcement law in July of 2003. In 2003 there were 1,454 total fatalities, in 2004 there were 1,355 and in 2005 there were 1,363. There were 109 fewer fatalities in 2006 than in 2005, down to 1,254,

the lowest number of fatalities since 1924. The decline has continued in 2007. The numbers speak for themselves in proving safety belts save lives. If motorists fail to wear a safety belt, they will receive a ticket.

### Oak Lawn postpones property maintenance and management ordinance

Realtors, landlords and residents addressed the board at the Nov. 13 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, requesting a meeting regarding a proposed property maintenance and management ordinance. Mayor Dave Heilmann responded to the issues raised regarding this ordinance by saying, "We have been dealing with landlords for years that don't care or tenants who abuse the neighborhood and make life difficult for property owners, who have chosen to buy a home here. We have our police department and our staff dedicating hours remedying these conditions for people who are choosing to profit from being a landlord or a tenant who just doesn't care. All of these things are a tremendous cost and a terrible burden on a community."

"A meeting is always productive. I think that's a good idea. However I think our responsibility and I'll share it with you now, my opinion, and I guarantee it will not change, is that there is no way this burden should fall on Oak Lawn homeowners any more. It's not fair that there's a cost for inspections. We have to go out and get inspectors - there

are also administrative and police costs. For years we have seen these costs passed along to homeowners. We read every day that government is increasing property taxes. If this is one of the reasons why, that's not fair to the 57,000 people in this community that we have to protect. All the people who chose to buy a home here should never be inconvenienced by people who come and rent in our community.

However, when you receive a disproportionate amount of police calls for criminal activity, drugs and a number of different things, our community shouldn't tolerate paying for that. It's not fair to our homeowners. Any fee that we charge should be borne by the landlord; if they want to pass it on, it's their right to do so. And if we waive whatever fee there is we need to charge the person who is profiting from this as opposed to Oak Lawn taxpayers, who should never have to pay this. I hope that this board unanimously approves this ordinance."

Following lengthy positive discussions from trustees regarding the ordinance, the ordinance was tabled and will be voted on at the November 27 meeting. A meeting was also set up for interested parties on November 19. A copy of the 21-page ordinance may be obtained from the clerk's office at the village hall. Interested parties who attended the meeting were encouraged to obtain a copy to review in advance so as to be prepared to offer specific recommendations.

### Free Turkey at Snackville Junction

The new owners of Snackville Junction will continue the tradition of

serving a FREE turkey dinner to anyone who comes through our doors on Thanksgiving Day between the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The dinner will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, green beans, bread roll and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Snackville Junction will also deliver meals to anyone within a reasonable distance, who is unable to come in for dinner.

We welcome and encourage anyone who would like to join us in volunteering their time by serving or delivering meals.

For more information, call Snackville Junction at 708-423-1313.

### The Center Art Show

The Log Cabin Center for The Arts will host its annual Christmas Art Show and Sale, on Sunday November 25th, from noon until 4:00 p.m. The Log Cabin Art Center is a part of The Center, located at 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park.

The Art Show and Sale will feature the work of Lenox Wallace, Lois Hrejsa, Marge Boyd, Karen Caldwell, and other Center art instructors and students. Included in the show will be watercolors, pen and ink drawings, baskets, weavings, pottery, woodcarvings, leather, gourds, silver jewelry, beaded jewelry, creative writing, poetry, calligraphy, tolepainting, photography, handmade papers, and children's artwork. Some instructors will be demonstrating their artwork throughout the afternoon.

Blanche Sanders and the Center staff and volunteer Fellowcrafters will also have a variety of Christmas crafts for sale, such as wooden reindeer, tin bell swags, and evergreen wreaths. Further information about the art show is available at 708-361-3650.

For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.



### Smith Village Hosts Grand Opening Sneak Preview

Smith Village at 2320 W. 113th Place, Beverly's first continuing care retirement community, held a grand opening party earlier this month for future residents to celebrate completion of their independent living apartments and give them a sneak peek of their new homes. Part of the festivities was the unveiling by Smith executives of a hand-stitched quilt. Shown (l-r) are: Kevin McGee, executive director of Smith Village; Mike Flynn, CEO of Smith Senior Living; and Bill Hunding, president of Smith Village's board of trustees. Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the lifestyle, housing and healthcare needs of seniors for nearly 80 years, Smith Village provides independent living, assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care.

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## Abdullah and Lingo to address Phoebe's Place Seniors

Paula Lingo, Chief Legal Advisor and Chief Examiner of Titles for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds and Askia Abdullah, and official for the Record's office, will speak before the Phoebe's Place Seniors, Friday, December 7 at 12:15 pm at Maple Park United Methodist Church, 1225 W. 117th Street.

Mildred Shaifer, coordinator, announced Ms. Lingo and Mr. Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds office and discuss Home Repair Fraud, Reverse Mortgages along with On Line Property Information.

Paula Lingo acts as Counsel to the Recorder on law and related matters such as Real Estate Law, Torrens, Foreclosure, Bankruptcy, State and Federal Liens, Mechanic Liens, Corporations, Trusts, Probate, and much more.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

Paula received her B.S. Degree at Loyola University and her Law Degree at DePaul University College of Law. Askia received his

Jurist Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

## Aurora Police Chief Threatens Arrests as Pro-Life Citizens Gear Up for Protest at Planned Parenthood

*In Heated Discussion Chief Powell Tells Scheidler,*

*"I Don't Care What the City's Attorneys Say, I Will Do What I Want"*

On Saturday, November 17 from 9:00-11:00 AM, a protest will take place at the nation's largest Planned Parenthood facility located at 3051 E. New York Street in Aurora, Illinois. The monthly protests, organized by the Pro-Life Action League, have seen as many as 1,200 pro-life advocates gathering at one time. Rhetoric regarding the protest has heated up this week. Despite allegations of First Amendment violations against the peaceful protestors and a pending lawsuit against the city, Aurora Police Chief William Powell has gone on the offensive, even going so far as to accuse the protestors of being "threatening" when they claim their free speech rights. However, many of the peaceful demonstrators believe it is the Chief who is doing the threatening after calling a

paddy wagon to be sent out to last month's protest. At Tuesday's City Council meeting Powell stated, "I hope [demonstrators] will go along with what we ask them to do. If not, I will guarantee there will be arrests made."

Eric Scheidler, Communications Director for the Pro-Life Action League and an Aurora resident, along with other protestors, had a heated discussion with Chief Powell at the Planned Parenthood site this morning.

"Chief Powell was visibly irate as we tried to discuss the plans for the gathering tomorrow," states Scheidler. "When I brought up that the city's outside counsel had given us directives as to the operation of the protest, he said he didn't care about what the attorney said, he would do what he wanted to do. At times, he was so angry that another officer intervened to calm him down."

After months of protests, Scheidler claims the city has continued to give unclear directives as to ordinances relating to the protests. With hundreds of citizens coming out to the Planned Parenthood site on a regular basis, many are questioning why the city seems to be constantly changing the rules.

"We have sought nothing but peace with the city and cooperation with the Aurora Police," states Scheidler. "We have continued to ask for clear, written directives as to laws for conducting these protests, but they have given none. What they have done is show up and

intimidate hundreds of Aurora citizens with an armored paddy wagon. constant video surveillance and the city's lawyer in tow."

The opening of Planned Parenthood, scheduled for mid-September, was delayed for two and a half weeks while investigations were conducted into the seemingly deceptive process in which Planned Parenthood received their occupancy and building permits. Amid much controversy, the facility opened on October 2nd. Various investigations regarding zoning issues are still ongoing.

Scheidler vows that the monthly demonstrations will continue, "Regardless of the threats and tactics the city uses to try to keep their citizen's voices from being heard, we will be here praying and marching until no more innocent human lives are slaughtered in our town."

## Steppenwolf presents world premiere

Steppenwolf Theatre Company continues its 32nd season with the presenting of the world premiere of *Good Boys and True* by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, directed by Pam MacKinnon. This continues the season long conversation about what it means to be an American indicates Artistic Director Martha Lavey.

The production features ensemble member: Martha Lavey and, Stephen Louis Grush, Nick Horst, Mark Minton, Kelly O'Sullivan, John Procaccino, Tim Rock and Kelli Simpkins. The programming runs December 12-February 16, 2008 in the Steppenwolf Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N Halsted St.

Playwright Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa is a graduate of the Yale School of drama. He is known for

his work on the Marvel comic books *Fantastic Four* and *The Sensational Spider-Man*. Tickets are \$20-\$68. Curtain is Tues-Sunday at 7:30pm. There are Sunday evenings through January 20 and Sat and Sun matinees at 3pm.

## Letter to the Editor

What a wonderful surprise to open up the October 30 issue of the Village View Newspaper and read on Page 9 an article about *The Age of Lincoln*. I certainly am honored and humbled by the Heartland Literary Award I received from the Chicago Tribune, and I am also grateful to journalists like you who care about the people of Chicago. Sally Jo Knowles tells me that Mary Jo Doody was instrumental in writing this article, so please forward my gratitude to her also.

Thank you so much for including an article about *The Age of Lincoln* in your publication.

Very Truly Yours,  
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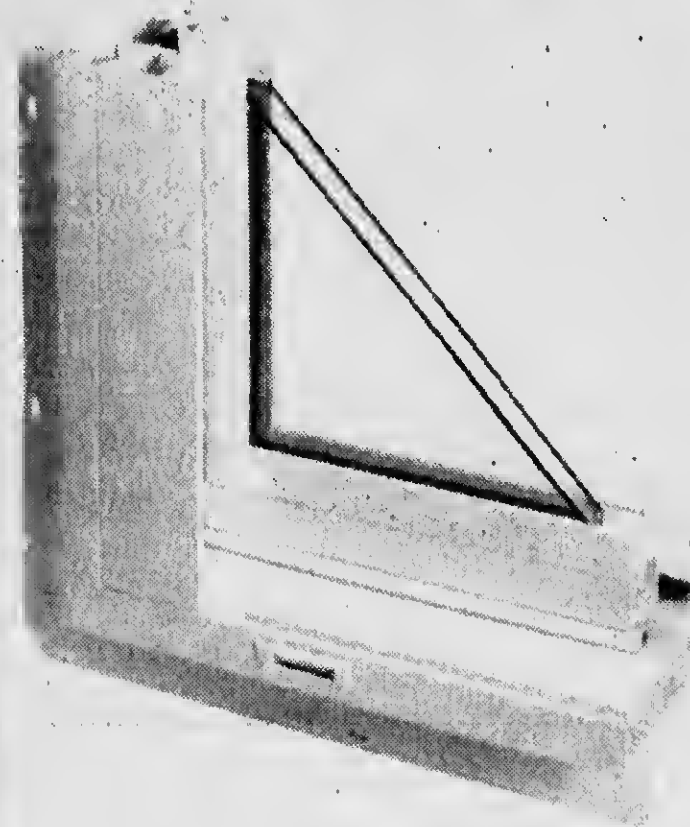
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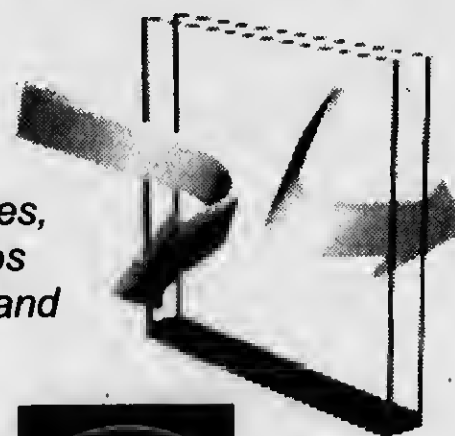
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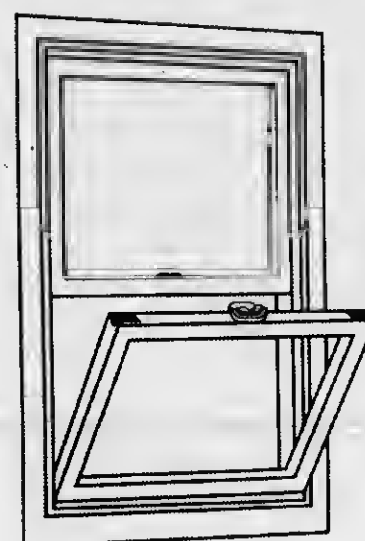
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Members of CJB's Academic Team competed in the Providence Catholic High School Jr. High Academic Bowl in October. Members pictured (L-R) include Erin Shea, Brian Harris, Maddy Sebastian, Nick Metzler, Gianna Patrizi, Dominic Sanfilippo, Bernadette Senick, Nick Cube and Victoria Gutkin.



The CJB 8th grade Academic Team proudly displays their 1st place trophy from the St. Rita High School Academic Bowl. Pictured (L-R) are Jim Dubina, Calvin Hoff, Jim Richert and Jeff Kamholz.

## CJB Students Take 1st Place at St. Rita Academic Bowl

The 8th Grade team from Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School proudly carried home

a 1st place trophy after winning the St. Rita High School Academic Bowl on November 13. Forty-seven teams from the southside of Chicago and the south and southwest suburbs took part in this annual competition.

CJB sent two 8th grade and two 7th grade teams to the contest. Members of the winning 8th Grade team

include Jeff Kamholz, Jim Dubina, Jim Richert and Calvin Hoff. One of the CJB 7th Grade teams took 6th place. Members included Nick Bruno, Patrick O'Neill, Chris Shroba and Mitch Siwa.

CJB's Academic Bowl team also participated in the annual Providence Catholic High School Jr. High Academic Bowl on October 6. Many members of the team received individual honors. Four 8th grade students were recognized for their academic excellence: Gianna Patrizi placed 1st and Erin Shea placed 4th in Language Arts, Dominic Sanfilippo took 2nd place in Geography and Nick Metzler took 5th place in Mathematics. In addition, two 7th graders received individual honors: Nicole Powell received a 1st place award for Social Studies and Steve Gruszkowski took 4th place in Science.

The Academic Bowl team is coached by Mrs. Christine Kirk, 8th grade teacher at

CJB. The team has been competing since 2002 and has had a tremendous amount of success. They have captured three 1st place trophies, in 2003, 2006 and this year at the St. Rita Bowl. In addition, they earned 3rd place trophies in 2002 and 2005. "I enjoy seeing students who get so enthusiastic about competing academically and doing well. It is nice to see students receive recognition and to have the opportunity to compete against other students from different schools," Kirk said about her team. She is more than a little bit proud.

## Moraine Valley Ski Club invites skiers to Colorado this March

Skiers unite! Join the Moraine Valley Ski Club as it prepares to tackle the slopes in Steamboat Springs, Colorado this

spring.

The club plans to visit a guest lounge and clubhouse facility and Steamboat Springs, Colorado from March 9 to March 15, 2008. The package will include six nights at the two-bedroom Ski Inn Condominiums, located directly under the Silver Bullet gondola. A five-day lift ticket is included. Distinctive features of the resort call Mike Wade, club advisor, at (708) 974-5594; each unit, private balconies, or e-mail him at [wade@morainevalley.edu](mailto:wade@morainevalley.edu). Those interested in joining the club or in attending the Colorado trip can visit the Moraine Valley Ski Club Web site at [morainevalley.edu/skiclub](http://morainevalley.edu/skiclub).

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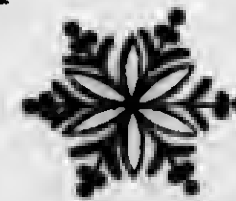
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## Maria High School to host open houses

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A Catholic all-girls school, Maria features a strong college-preparatory curriculum. It has several advanced placement courses. Two of these AP courses are electives in Calculus and French, provided through Illinois Virtual High School, which is sponsored by the Illinois Math and Science Academy.

For the first time this year, every Maria freshman has the opportunity to earn, at no additional cost during her first semester Keyboarding class, a certificate for basic computing skills. This Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) is provided through Maria's recent partnership with the TeraU program, which emphasizes practical, hands-on training to prepare today's students for tomorrow's success.

In addition, the school takes pride in its fine and applied arts courses and Art Show. The 2007-2008 vehicle sticker displayed on millions of Chicago cars was designed by 2007 Maria alumna and art student Monica Rooker, who won first place in Chicago's 2007 City Vehicle Sticker Contest. Monica is the latest of many Maria art students who have won the contest or have been finalists since students began designing Chicago's city vehicle sticker in 1979.

Students' talent and creativity also shine every fall and spring with theater productions. The spring drama is a musical, with "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" filling the auditorium's stage last year with music and dance. Visitors of the open house on Nov. 11 are invited to attend the 3 p.m. performance of this year's fall play.

Maria also encourages students to explore their interests with a wide range of

co-curricular activities. The school offers the students 10 clubs, providing monthly club activity periods that are scheduled during the school day. The Big/Little Sisters Club strives to give a welcoming atmosphere to incoming freshmen. Certain other clubs bring out Maria's competitive edge. Last spring, Maria's dance team, the Mystic Moves, was awarded third-place in State competition. Last year's student newspaper staff also brought back 14 awards from various journalism competitions.

Students who want to express their athletic talents are offered an athletic program of volleyball, tennis, cross country, swimming, basketball, track and field, softball, and soccer. The Homecoming volleyball game is one of the highlights of Spirit Week. For a bit of fun, Maria's intramural sports program energizes students throughout the year.

The financial aid program, scholarships, and a stable, all-inclusive tuition (no extra textbook bills) help make attendance at Maria affordable. Many students take part in on-campus work-study to help pay tuition, while close to 70 percent of the present student body is receiving approximately \$500,000 in tuition assistance.

For more information or to schedule a shadow day, call 773-925-8686 extension 181.



Pictured are CJB 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Daniel Berzins as St. Daniel the Prophet, Ronnie Fiala as St. Michael, Brian Peck as St. Jude, Thomas Mittler as St. Stephen and Alex Mutholam as St. Alexander.

## ... And the Saints Went Marching In

At the beginning of every school year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School in Orland Hills embark on a very special project that culminates on All Saints' Day. Each child chooses a Catholic saint that they would like to learn more about. Many of the students select their own patron saint. Others choose one of the patron saints of the four parishes that sponsor the school. Every year, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, St. Elizabeth Seton, and St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr are very popular choices.

During the next phase of this project, the children research their saints using resources in the CJB school library or at their local public library. After the research is completed, they write a paper

about their saints. The children have specific guidelines to follow in composing these reports, not the least of which is that they must be written in the "first person," as if the students are the actual saints. The students then present their reports to the class.

The most fun and exciting part of this project comes at the end, when each child is allowed to dress up as his or her saint on All Saints' Day. The costumes are always very unique and creative, thanks to the efforts of some incredibly talented moms and dads. At the All Saints' Day Mass, the angelic 3<sup>rd</sup>

Graders process into church in all their regalia. The children do the readings, bring up the gifts, and perform other special roles at the liturgy.

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De La Salle Institute will be hosting a farewell celebration honoring its president, Br. Michael Quirk, FSC, on December 1, 2007 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Hilton Commons, located at the Institute Campus at 3434 S. Michigan Ave. Br. Michael is being lauded for his 24 years of service to De La Salle.

Gifts of appreciation are welcome. Parking is available in the Illinois Institute of Technology lot located to the west of De La Salle.

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## Moraine Valley to host photography exhibit by Lloyd Wassenaar

Moraine Valley Community College will host "Chicago City Views" by local artist Lloyd Wassenaar in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The exhibit will run December 12 to January 31.

Wassenaar uses a camera with a poor plastic lens to capture a distorted view of Chicago's tallest buildings. A sense of the tourist can be found in his color photographs, which seldom show the street level, as if the viewer is always walking with his or her head bent skyward to view the tops of buildings for the first time. "The lack of building support is important because it is easy

to become disoriented when looking up and feeling as if both yourself and the buildings are animated," said Wassenaar. "This contradicts what the viewer knows to be the truth about buildings—that they are solid, straight and secure."

Wassenaar is an adjunct faculty member in the Art Department at Moraine Valley and Joliet Junior College. He earned a Master of Fine Arts degree and a Master of Science degree in Studio Arts from Illinois State University in Normal. He also holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Printmaking and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Photography from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has been published, and his award-winning work has been exhibited in Illinois, New York, North Dakota, and China. He also shows a collection at Benedictine University in Lisle.

Moraine Valley's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery provides an opportunity to view locally and nationally recognized artists. Exhibits in the Art Gallery are free to the public and are available for viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as during most performances in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit [morainevalley.edu/fpac](http://morainevalley.edu/fpac).

December 4 & 5 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 S. La Grange Road, Orland Park.

The play, which won many other critical awards including a Tony, is a moving examination of the progress of a generation, from the socially and politically activist sixties to the success-oriented eighties—a time during which the status of American women underwent profound, and sometimes unsettling change.

The cast consists of 3 men and 5 women and the audition will require cold readings from the script. Previous stage experience is helpful but not required.

Lori Nussle, of Palos Park, is the director and the production dates are February 29 through March 9. Call 708-448-5830 for information.

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## Village of Orland Park Begins "Warm A Heart" Winter Drive

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The Village of Orland Park is hoping to warm some hearts this winter, along with some heads, hands, feet and more. Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Village Clerk Dave Maher have teamed up to lead Orland Park's first "Warm A Heart Winter Drive."

"We're calling on residents to donate new winter hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and boots for needy children and adults," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. Clean, gently used coats and jackets are also being accepted.

Orland Park is collecting the items beginning November 17 through December 15. Collected items will then be distributed among the participating

Orland Park religious organizations.

Contributions may be delivered to the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center at 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

"We've had a number of people come into the Village Hall, asking how they can help this season," said Orland Park Village Clerk Dave Maher. "We're happy to be able to offer this cooperative effort with some of the religious organizations in town," he added.

In addition to the collections at village buildings, Clerk's Office staff will be present at Orland Park's November 25 Winter Festival to accept new winter wear items from attendees.

Orland Park Deputy Village Clerk Joe LaMargo is coordinating the collection with Clerk's Office staff. "We'll only accept new winter hats, gloves, scarves and boots," LaMargo explained, adding, "However, if people have

coats or jackets that are in good shape, we will accept what we're describing as 'gently used' coats and jackets."

Further information is available by calling the Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150.

## Advent Services

Candlelit Vesper Services will be held every Sunday in Advent, beginning

December 2, at 4:30 pm in the Wayside Chapel at The Center, located at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

According to Center pastor Frank Sanders, he has written his meditations for the services "to help us prepare for the birth of the Christ Child in our lives." Rev. Sanders will preach on the birth of Jesus on December 2, on the Shepherds' Experience on December 9, on The Wisemen's Journey on December 16, and on the

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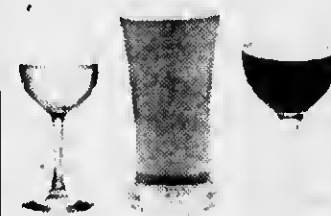
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### A WEDDING TO REMEMBER

With the wedding of our youngest daughter behind us, Bill and I feel a little like Steve Martin in the Father of the Bride. At the end of that movie Steve Martin's character sits among half empty champagne glasses signifying that a wedding celebration had taken place. Clearly he was experiencing the post wedding blues. We can relate.

So many months of planning - the excitement that builds over months can only be compared to riding the high of being in the Christmas spirit, and then... it's over.

No more wedding central in the middle of the dining room table, no more looking forward to getting the mail to check off responses.

After marrying off 2 daughters in less than a year and a half I can now hang up my pen and clip board, close the books and take a break from keeping track of all the little details. I am going to miss the friendly chaos.

The memories are still as fresh as new fallen snow—still able to cause a tear or two to fall when recalling the emotion sparked by two young people deeply in love.

The excitement may be over but what's left is the incredible feeling that the best times have only just begun. With the exchanging of the vows our family has grown to include another outstanding son-in-law.

It was a challenge not to cry watching as my little girl danced with her father to the song, 'I Loved Her First.' Word for word he sung in perfect harmony, for this was his song to his daughter who was now a wife. I looked at my daughter's new husband with a sparkling smile that matched the twinkle in his eye and I knew in my heart that God does not make mistakes.

Weddings are not only a production in the planning but they are a collective celebration of two people joining hands and walking into the future together. And there is an endless amount of planning.

If there's one good thing that I take with me from all the organizing, inviting and follow up calls it is all the wonderful people I've met in the wedding business.

Pat from Occasionally Yours is a florist extraordinaire. Her dedication to presenting the best possible flower arrangements blossom with brilliance.

Pat works solo but you'd never know it by her eye catching displays. Her talent of turning centerpieces into works of art is what wows guests and family alike.

If a rip roaring good time is what you expect at your reception than look no further than M&R music. We had them for both our daughter's receptions. After all when you start with the best how can you settle for anything less? Mike, the DJ, made dancers out of even the most handicapped of dancers - especially the ones with matching left feet.

He stayed right on the dance floor interacting with the guests, causing my husband to have so much fun that a niece thought her Uncle Bill had a little too much to drink. What's funny about that is that Bill nor I imbibe at all.

And then there is the manager at the House of Brides that had me saying 'I LOVE LUCY! And we're not talking about the show with Desi Amaz and Lucille Ball. Lucy is the manager at The House of Brides Bridal salon in Oak Lawn.

After waiting the expected 12 weeks for my dress to come in I was anxious to try it on.

But that's when my potential nightmare began. One glance at myself in the mirror and I was ready to imitate the famous scene in the Home Alone movie where Macauley Culkin slaps his cheeks and lets out a scream. I looked like I was playing dress up with my mother's clothes. The beautiful Mother of the Bride gown that I had picked out soon after the proposal now hung on me like an over sized drape.

I dragged myself out of the dressing room and went right to the front desk. Lucy, the manager on duty took one look at me and knew something was terribly wrong. I tried my best to be polite as I asked her what I was suppose to do with this over sized dress. Clearly the sale's clerk dropped the ball - or I should say tape measure when measuring me.

I left the shop that day disappointed and not at all confident that it could be tailored to fit me. This was on a Saturday. Bright and early Monday morning I got the rescue call from Lucy.

She ordered me a new dress in a smaller size which was being Fed-Exed to the shop in two days. True to her word she called me that Wednesday to say the dress was in. The new dress fit me almost to a tee and the few nips and tucks needed to perfect it were done masterfully by their very talented seamstress.

A situation that could have turned catastrophic was immediately rectified.

And that is why I say 'I Love Lucy' because she was a Godsend in making things right.

It takes a lot of work, patience and persistence to plan a wedding. It also takes the dedication and cooperation of those hired to help make the day a super success.

And, thanks to all involved, our little girl's wedding went off without a hitch.

It's all in the preparation and who you choose to help make it a day to remember forever.

But for me, it will be the laughter, bright smiles and sincere outpouring of affection shared not only by our daughter and her new husband, but also our new extended family. For the parents of the groom, Mike and Ceci, they have also gained a daughter. We are now family, through thick and thin, sharing in the joy of what is yet to be. My heart beats with pure delight as this wedding to remember will slow dance among the scattered memories of this grateful mother's soul.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

The only way on earth to multiply happiness is to divide it. (Paul Scherer)

## Headcheese Fat Boss Productions Presents: The Hipmas Carol

Now entering its 8<sup>th</sup> critically acclaimed season, "The Hipmas Carol" will open its 2007 holiday run at The Apollo Theater on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 8:00pm. "The Hipmas Carol" is a hip, unique and wholly original reinterpretation of the Dickens classic that was inspired, in part, by Sir Lord Buckley. Performed by the black suited Tyler Bohne and Patrick Zielinski, the show is illustrated musically by exciting newcomer, Ritch Valadez.

This hour long, sometimes funny, and at times, striking and dramatic, tribute of "A Christmas Carol" is presented in a refreshingly different and non flashy style that manages to remain warm and wry while never losing its distinctly urban edge. Infused with elements of beat poetry, spoken word and storytelling, the performers deliver a barrage of rhyming couplets over a rich and ever-present live guitar score laced with jazz and blues. Pat and Tyler narrate the piece and effortlessly invoke every character effectively while never changing costume or leaving the stage; creating a playful pattern and rich rhythm for audiences' ears. Far from a parody, this hip and heartfelt adaptation has enchanted theatergoers and fans of storytelling for years.

The cast includes Patrick Zielinski and Tyler Bohne, two best friends from Milwaukee who founded HeadCheese Fat Boss Productions and have written and performed together for stage, screen and cable television for almost twenty years. This season, jazz and avant-garde improv guitarist, Ritch Valadez joins the veteran performers. Ritch is the guitarist for two Chicago bands, "Digable Cat" and "The Illustrated." He has performed at The House of Blues, The Double Door, The Note and The Wise Fools Pub, to name a few. He studied with John McLean and David Bloom, has played with Rick Shandling and has had a #1 hit on songplanet.com. Ritch is also the guitar player for the well known musical improv troupe, "Baby Wants Candy."

Opening: Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm.  
Closing: Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. (two performances, 3 pm and 6 pm)

Specific dates and times: Thursdays (no Thursday show on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>) Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 3 pm. Also, beginning on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 5 pm and 8 pm Saturday performance. There will be a performance every night at 8 pm beginning Tues. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>, including the 5 pm Saturday show. (On Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 3 pm and 6 pm show)  
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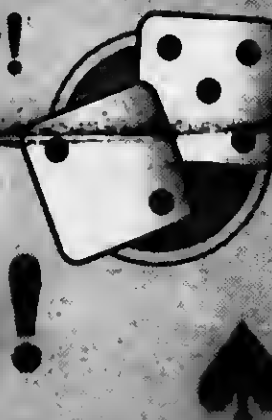
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## Oak Lawn Library News

### Oak Lawn Voter Registration Night

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### Library Holds Teen Game Night

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will host a Teen Game Night, featuring Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), Wednesday, November 28 from 7-8 p.m. for students in sixth through tenth grade. Teens may bring their favorite board or card games to play with others. Prizes will be awarded for the top scores in DDR. Free snacks for all who participate in the games. Call the Youth Services Department, 708-

422-4990.

### AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will host an AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advance in-person registration is required at the library's Reception Booth. \$10 fee. Limited to 24 participants. This two-day classroom refresher course is designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to drivers who attend both sessions and receive a certificate of completion.

View a complete schedule of adult programs at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

### Mother and Daughter Book Club

Girls in third through fifth grade and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of the children's novel "Whittington" by Alan W. Armstrong at a Mother and Daughter Book Club meeting 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 8 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. Register today and pick up copies of the book at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 15

mother/daughter pairs. Light refreshments.

For more information about this and other children's programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## The Holidays are a Time for Sharing

The Tinley Park Public Library will accept donations of items for the following local organizations: Crisis Center of South Suburbia, Tinley Park Food-Pantry, and Together We Cope. Boxes marked for each group will be located in the library's lobby from Monday, November 26 through Sunday, December 9. Your generosity to our community's needy is most appreciated.

The Crisis Center requests new, unwrapped toys, pajamas, and sweatsuits for children of all ages; the Tinley Park Food Pantry needs non-parishables; Together We Cope is looking for new, unwrapped toys, gently used winter coats and boots for children. All three organizations will gladly accept gift cards from local

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## Waking to the Call

Author Shares Story of Spiritual Awakening in New Book

Author Nancy Conley Burke shares the story of her journey to Ecuador and the mystical connections she made in her new book, *Call of My Heart: the Journey to Ecuador and Beyond* (published by AuthorHouse).

In the late 1990s, following the death of her infant daughter, Sarah, and her subsequent divorce, Burke feels called to travel the world to overcome her grief and to deepen her own spirituality. She joins a group voyaging to the Andes and the Amazonian jungle, led by John Perkins (New York Times best-selling author of *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*).

Burke begins her journey in Ecuador, where she learns of the existence of "Pachamama," also known as "Great Mother," who she sees as the feminine face of God. While anxious in her new environment, Burke is comforted in the knowledge that God is with her in her travels.

During her expedition, Burke faces ruthless heat, merciless insects, quicksand and mysterious foods which test her

appetite. While the strangeness of her surroundings first frightens her, eventually the comfort of Pachamama as well as Burke's new spirit helper, the cheetah, Burke slowly but surely becomes a leader in her group. Ultimately she aids in the rescue of her group from a terrifying swarm of angry bees.

Burke returns to her home in Chicago filled with peace yet disoriented. Modern technology seems artificial when compared to the lush and natural environments of the Andes and the Amazonian jungle. However, sitting outside alone, she feels the comforting presence of Pachamama. Burke begins to use her newfound state of tranquility to reach out to others; *Call of My Heart* is the result of years of soul-searching and world travel.

Burke holds a bachelor of science in nursing and a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University in Chicago. For the past 20 years, she has written and facilitated spiritual programs for Christian women's groups. Burke began traveling in 1997; her journeys have included trips to Nepal, Tibet, Guatemala, Peru and Ecuador. When not traveling, Burke shares her time between her life in Chicago and the beach in North Carolina with her

husband, Dennis, and their dog, Sam-I-Am. *Call of My Heart* is her first book. Interested readers can learn more at

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## Science and Imagination in Star Wars

by Marijo Doody

Many of the kids present at the current Museum of Science and Industry exhibit never saw 'Star Wars' in the movie houses. They have now with DVD's out. The world of robotics is how here. For me, visiting the Star Wars exhibit was reliving the past. Remembrances of 25 years ago chairing a workshop 'Educating Americans for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' where robotics was a big topic presented by engineers. Proceedings were published in 1983 in an engineering magazine.

Who'd ever thought R2D2 would be a star? There was Luke Skywalker with the prosthetic right hand and Darth Vader with a special prosthetic suit and

breathing apparatus.

The exhibit explores the fantasy technologies in the Star Wars films. The exhibit shows the scenes behind the films and current research being done leading to real life versions of the technology like helping injured Vets.

Questions the exhibit addresses are "what part do imagination and creativity play in developing technology"? Also how do science and technology interact and how are they

separate? How can we use our scientific and engineering knowledge and skill from the exhibit to create a solution, test it, refine it and make changes based on the testing?

Some of the real life technologies featured were Retina Implant System, Cochlear Implant, Boston Elbow and Brain Gate System in the medical area. A doctor friend's brother did the first cochlear implant on the east-coast several years ago.

Lets hope with the many visitors to the MSI, there are really future scientists in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. The exhibit runs through January 6, 2008. Ticket cost is \$21 adults, \$19.50 seniors, \$16 children 3-16. Parking is \$12. Advances tickets are recommended. Call 773-684-1414.

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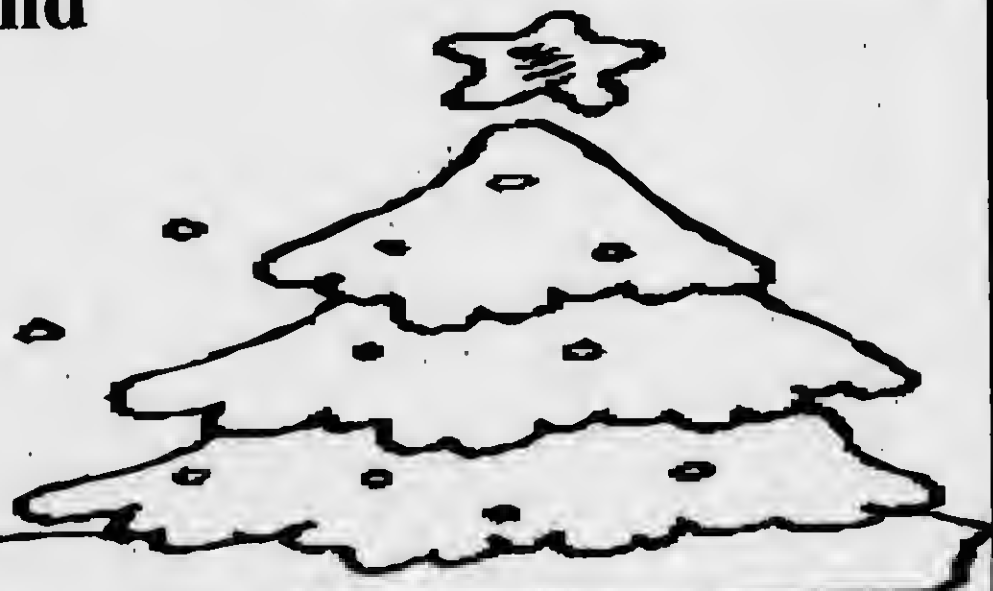
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## Winter Wonderland Returns to Orland Park's Centennial Park

*Village's Skating Rink Now Open*

The Village of Orland Park's 250-acre Centennial Park has again been transformed into a winter wonderland. The gem of the village's extensive park system, Centennial is the center of winter sports in Orland Park, offering free ice skating, sledding and cross country skiing through March 2. Centennial Park is located at 15600 West (100<sup>th</sup>) Avenue, four blocks west of LaGrange Road/US Route 45.

Iceskating will be available daily from sunrise until 9:00 p.m. Skaters may bring their own skates or rent them when the warming house is open at the ice rink. There is no charge to use the rink. The warming house is open Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to skate rentals, the warming house offers cross country ski rentals, weather permitting.

"This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy winter sports," said Orland Park Director of Recreation Nancy Flores. "The village has had a great response each year that the Winter Wonderland has been open," she added.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Kurt Heinlen oversees the village's winter offerings at Centennial. "We have a professionally installed ice rink that adds a lot to winter sports in Orland Park," Heinlen said, adding that hockey is not permitted on the rink so that everyone has equal access to the ice.

"The village's rink is in the perfect outdoor setting as you're surrounded by Centennial Park with a great view of Lake Sedgewick," Heinlen added.

Rental costs include \$2 for skates, \$1 for helmets and \$5 for cross-country skis. A photo ID is required to rent equipment. Or, winter revelers may bring their own equipment.

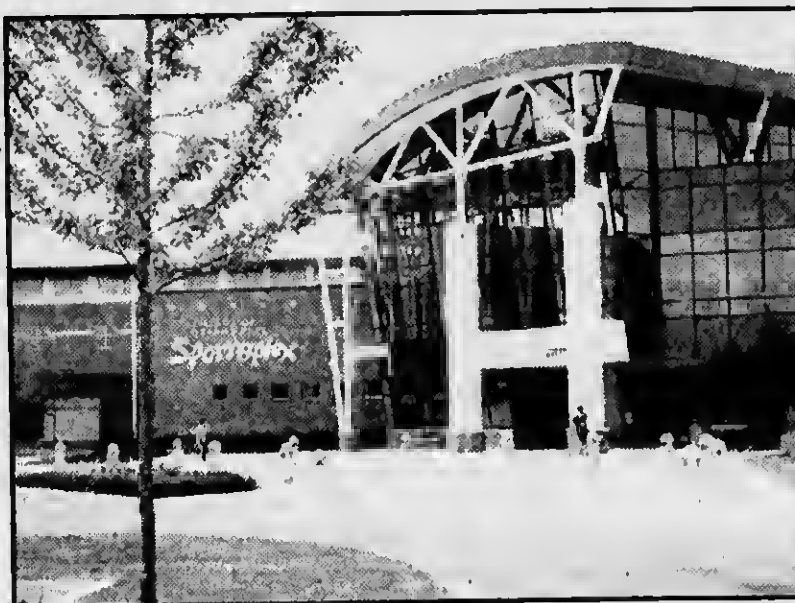
Sledding is available on the village's 30-foot sledding hill; however, sleds with runners are not permitted. Those sledding are asked to use plastic sleds, saucers and other winter devices that won't damage the hill.

For further information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275. After hours, interested persons may call Recreation and Parks Department Weather Hotline at 708/403-6290.

## Oak Forest looks into Red Light cameras

On Nov. 13 the Oak Forest City Council listened to a red light camera presentation by a representative from Gatso USA, Beverly, Ma. The Gatso Traffic Camera was invented by Maurice Gatsonides, a former Dutch rally and racing driver. Gatso BV, in the Netherlands, manufactures speed cameras and traffic detectors. Following Chicago's lead, there has been a wave of municipalities in the Southland such as Oak Lawn, Worth, and Blue Island who have either entered into agreements or have actually installed red light cameras this past year. Over the past several weeks, Gatso has been studying traffic patterns at the intersections of 159th Street and Cicero Avenue and 167th Street and Cicero Avenue. An additional feature to Gatso's system is that if an Amber Alert occurs, the system can then be programmed to detect one particular license plate.

A red light violation is considered a non-moving violation due to the inability to identify the driver. The camera only takes a picture of the rear of the vehicle and the license plate. The fine is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle and there is no court appearance required. The fine is usually about \$90, however it's up to each municipality to set the exact amount. The camera are cost neutral Gatso donates the equipment and receives 30-percent of the total amount of the fines. The city then receives the remainder.



The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department is offering a number of winter break sports camps at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 708/645-PLAY.

## Village of Orland Park Recreation Offers Holiday Camps

*Sportsplex to Host Basketball, Dodge Ball, Volleyball and More*

The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department is offering a number of sports camps over the Christmas holiday break.

"The village's Sportsplex will host a number of camps during the Christmas break that will appeal to different age groups," said Orland Park Athletic Supervisor Quincy Bejster.

"You don't have to be a Sportsplex member to enroll in any of the village's programs," Bejster added, "We have rates for members, village residents and non-residents."

Two sessions of Dodge Ball Camp are offered from December 26 to December 28. Students age six to eight will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. while those age nine to eleven will take the floor from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost for village residents is \$30. Non-residents pay \$45 and Sportsplex members pay \$25. The camp is limited to 20 participants.

The Northshore Basketball Academy will host its camp at the village's Sportsplex December 26 through

December 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day.

"This program covers skill development in dribbling, passing, shooting and unique offensive drills," Bejster explained. The camp is open to those age six through fourteen and is limited to 30 participants. The cost for village residents is \$90, \$135 for non-residents and \$85 for Sportsplex members. Each participant receives a t-shirt and water bottle.

All inclusive sports camps are also on the break agenda at the Village Sportsplex. "Our 'Hawk' sports camps focus on skill development in basketball, soccer and baseball. They cover the fundamentals, including hand-eye coordination, foot-eye coordination, team work and sportsmanship," Bejster explained.

Each of these winter break sports camps cost \$67 for village residents, \$101 for non-residents and \$62 for Sportsplex members.

The Tiny Hawk Camp, for youngsters age 42 months through four years, will be held Wednesday through Friday, January 2 through

January 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Parental involvement is not required but is welcomed. Children must be toilet trained to participate in the Tiny Hawk Camp.

Five to seven year olds are invited to register for the Mini Hawk Sports Camp that will be held December 26 through December 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Those age eight to ten may register for the Skyhawk Sports Camp, offered from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon January 2 through January 4.

New to the Orland Park Recreation Department's winter break camp line up is the Volleyball Professionals Camp offered January 2 through January 4. Participants will improve skills and gain court experience. Those in third through fifth grade will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. while junior high students in sixth through eighth grade will meet from 10:30 a.m. until noon. High school students will meet from noon until 1:30 p.m. The cost for residents is \$43, \$65 for non-residents and \$38 for Village Sportsplex members.

Gainers' Gymnastics will offer a gymnastics camp at the Orland Park Sportsplex January 2 through January 4. Open to all skill levels, the camp is tailored for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The camp will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. The fee for residents is \$60 and \$90 for non-residents.

Registration is available at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street or at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, call 645-PLAY or 403-PARK.

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## Tinley Park Library News

### Battle of the Air Bands

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting Battle of the Air Bands on Tuesday, November 27 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Participants in grades 6-12 are invited to come out and test their "metal" along with their lip synching and air guitar skills. Songs must be submitted for approval by Tuesday, November 20. Registration begins Tuesday, September 4.

### Festival of Lights

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Festival of Lights on Thursday, November 29 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Children ages 8-11 are invited to come and experience the wonder of the holiday season. Registration begins Tuesday, September 4.

### Jewel Shop and Share Days

The Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library will be sponsoring a Jewel Shop & Share Days event on December 3, 4, and 5. The proceeds will benefit the Tinley Park Public Library. Pick up your identification slip at the library's Patron Services desk prior to the scheduled dates, and present them at time of checkout at any Jewel-Osco.

### Kevin Reeks in Concert

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting Kevin Reeks on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Reeks is a local pianist who comes to share his gift. Registration begins Monday, November 12.

### Library Board Meeting

The Board of the Tinley Park Public Library will meet on Wednesday,

November 28, at 7 p.m. in the library board room. Meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the library's web site at [www.tpllibrary.org](http://www.tpllibrary.org).

### Library Closed

The Tinley Park Public Library will close on Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving day. The library will reopen on Friday, November 23.

### Tinley Park Public Library to Sponsor Park and Play on Your Way

The Tinley Park Library is proud to announce the acquisition of the Commuter Connection: Park and Play on Your Way Grant made possible by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). This new service will be offered at the 80th Avenue Metra Station in Tinley Park on November 9, 30, & December 21, serving the 1:30pm and 2:55pm trains. (Watch for the 2008 dates coming out soon.)

Commuters can take advantage of the Bookmobile and its services, with a special emphasis on electronic resources, including books on CD, musical CDs, DVDs and play-alongs. Find a book to listen to on your commute, or pick up a movie for the weekend. In a hurry? You can email, text, or IM your request to [tplibrary2go](mailto:tplibrary2go) using AIM or Yahoo Instant Messenger. It will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive.

For more information, please call 708.532.0160. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

## Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library Classes

Please register for all programs by contacting the Adult Services Dept. at 708/371-5666.

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Library is located at 11960 S. Pulaski Road in Alsip.

Wednesday, December 5, 7 P.M.

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can make and take home. Our instructor will be library staff member Wendy Roe. Materials fee is \$5.00.

### Food and Toy Drive

The library is proud to sponsor our 6th Annual Food and Toy Drive. From Now to December 20th, we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations for Worth Township to distribute to area families who are in need. For further information, please contact the Adult Services Department.

### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets on the first Thursday of each month except for January. If you would like to join us, sign up in the Adult Services Department.

December 6 *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

### Computer Classes

John Hojek, instructor from Prairie State College, will once again teach computer classes at our library.

Nov. 30 — *Beginning Computer 10 AM-Noon*

Registration must be done in person, with a valid library card or I.D. Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library cardholders have priority, and non-residents may be placed on a waiting list. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$25 for non-residents (limit 16).

## Renowned Hollywood Composer John Williams Leads The Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Four Concerts

Mr. Williams conducts some of his most beloved film scores on November 23 and 25

Programs on November 24 and 27 to feature film scores and selected symphonic works

Celebrated Hollywood composer John Williams

returns to Chicago in November to lead the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in four programs on November 23 through 27. On Friday, November 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m., Mr. Williams will conduct a performance of some of his most beloved film scores, including music from such films as "Star Wars," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial." On Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. and Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Williams will lead a diverse program of favorite film scores alongside several of his symphonic compositions for the concert hall.

The 2007-2008 *Infiniti Friday Night at the Movies* series kicks off on Friday, November 23 at 8 p.m., when John Williams returns to Symphony Center after his sold-out 2005 performances to conduct selections from his own most well known film scores, including "Superman," "Born on the Fourth of July" and "Jaws," as well as "Techniques of Film Scoring," an entertaining how-to lesson on his craft. Former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson will be on hand to narrate a suite from "The Reivers," and CSO Principal Percussion Cynthia Yeh, saxophonist Dan Higgins and bassist Michael Valerio are featured soloists in music from "Catch Me If You Can." The evening closes with a special tribute to the movies of legendary directors George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, with music from "Star Wars," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" and more. Mr. Williams and the Orchestra reprise this movie-music program on Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m., in a performance benefitting the Musicians Pension Fund. Limited tickets to these performances are still available.

On Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. and Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Williams leads a diverse program that highlights not only his achievements as master composer for Hollywood, but also his symphonic music for the concert hall, including the CSO's first performances of his *Fanfare for a Festive Occasion*, *American Journey* and *The Five Sacred Trees*. Mr. Williams' concerto for bassoon and orchestra, featuring the CSO's principal bassoon, David McGill. The program will also include music from films including "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," "The Witches of Eastwick" and "Memoirs of a Geisha," with CSO Principal Cello John Sharp as soloist.

Arguably the best-known and most-loved film composer of our time, John Williams has amassed a vast list of credentials, including five Academy Awards and 20

Grammy Awards. He has received a record 45 Academy Award nominations, most recently for his score from "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," making him the Academy's most-nominated living artist. He has also been awarded three British Academy Awards, three Golden Globes, four Emmys and numerous gold and

platinum records. His incredible output of music includes the scores for more than a hundred films, including "Star Wars," "Jaws," "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan," "Jurassic Park," the "Indiana Jones" trilogy, "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and three "Harry Potter" films.

## BET ON BLUE CAP 3rd Annual Casino Night is Coming

Blue Cap will be holding its third annual Casino Night on January 25, 2008 from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest. The ever growing charity event will consist of Blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, a Money Wheel, Pull Tabs and Beat the Dealer games.

Tickets are available for only \$10, which includes food, soft drinks, dessert and a raffle entry. A cash bar will also be available.

Blue Cap is currently seeking volunteers for the event, who will act as dealers, serve food and help register guests.

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Photo caption: Theresa O'Carroll, controller for Moraine Valley Community College, receives congratulations from Robert Sterkowitz (left), chief financial officer, and Joseph Murphy, chairman of the Board of Trustees, for her leadership in the college earning two international awards for financial reporting.

### Moraine Valley Awarded for the 6th Consecutive Year

Moraine Valley has been recognized by two international organizations for its excellence in financial reporting for the sixth consecutive year.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded Moraine Valley with its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Reporting for the college's comprehensive annual financial report and the Association of School Business Officials International also awarded Moraine Valley with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the fiscal year end 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The finance officers organization's certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and "its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management," according to

the association. Noted school business officials, "By preparing and presenting an annual report, Moraine Valley validated the credibility of its school system's operations, measured the integrity and technical competence of the business staff, assisted in strengthening their presentations for bond issuance statements, and provided professional recognition."

### Chicago Ridge presents checks to local organizations

Prior to the Nov. 6, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting, a public hearing was held in which village consultant Rudy Visser outlined the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. "The village has applied for this grant yearly since 1976 and has received

a total of \$4.5 million in funds for improvements. The requirements are that municipalities apply for funds in the spring and report back by the fall. The county however has become stricter in regards to the allocation of funds," Visser said.

Other highlights: Mayor Gene Siegel presented Ridge Fest profit checks to the following local organizations: The American Legion, Chicago Ridge Athletic Association, Our Lady of the Ridge Men's Club, Southwest Ball Hockey, Ridgeland Brownies, Ridgeland Girl Scouts Association, Ridge Village Seniors Citations, Our Lady of the Ridge School, Knights of Columbus, Chicago Ridge Youth Service Bureau, Chicago Ridge Library, Chicago Ridge Park District, Chicago Ridge Friendship Club, Chicago Ridge School District 127 Risk Program, Chicago Ridge Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 665 - the total profit from this years fest was \$38,500.

The board approved a public works request to purchase a truck chassis from Freeway Dealership, the lowest bidder, for \$30,713.69. A police department request to purchase a Ford Escape Hybrid vehicle through state purchase for \$23,495 was also approved as well as a request for a tuition reimbursement of \$594 for Aneta Odel.

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### Veterans Day Speech

The following was a speech given on Veterans Day:

Good morning to all our guests who have come to the annual veteran's day commemorative ceremony.

Last week, while I was preparing for today's speech, I heard on the radio about the passing of Paul Tibbets. He was born in Quincy, Illinois and was just shy of 93 years old.

For those of you who don't recognize the name, Paul Tibbets was the pilot of the B-29, Super Fortress, which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

In those days it was common to paint names and even pictures on the nose of planes that flew into combat. Tibbets had "ENOLA GAY", the name of his mother, painted on his bomber.

The men who built that first atomic bomb also gave their new weapon a name. It was labeled "LITTLE BOY". But this was no little boy's weapon. It was reported to the United Nations that between 100 to 140 THOUSAND people were killed when that 9,700 pound bomb was detonated at 8:16 in the morning, that August 6th day, in 1945.

The core temperature reached the unimaginable temperature of 50 million degrees at ground zero. 98% of all living things, in a two kilometer circle around ground zero were annihilated.

Three days later, on August 9th, at 11:02 in the morning, the United States dropped a second nuclear bomb named "FAT MAN" on Nagasaki, Japan resulting in another 75,000 deaths.

On August 15th, the Japanese surrendered and World War 2 came to an end. President Truman's

decision to drop these original weapons of mass destruction has been argued and second guessed by historians for over 60 years. Was the cost of life these weapons wrought warranted?

Colonel Tibbets was a 30 year old pilot when he flew his mission. He said "He knew this mission was going to be an emotional thing".

He is quoted in saying that "Although we all had feelings about the mission, we had to put them in the background. We knew it was going to kill people right and left. But our one driving interest was to do the best job we could so that we could end the killing as quickly as possible."

President Harry Truman had approved military plans for the invasion of Japan on June 18th, 1945, (six weeks before the atomic bomb was used). General Douglas MacArthur said it could take 10 years and at least 1 MILLION soldier's lives to wipe out Japanese resistance. Over a million Japanese soldiers would have likewise died if that invasion had occurred. Ten more years of fighting on Japanese soil would have easily produced American and Japanese casualty statistics never seen in modern day warfare.

President Truman told Colonel Tibbets, when they met together after the war was over that, "It was my decision. You didn't have any choice."

In a 1975 interview Colonel Tibbets stated that he has slept clearly every night.

I wonder how many of us gathered here today would have never been born if President Truman had chosen not to use the bombs....Our fathers having died in the invasion of Japan that was canceled after the bombs were dropped, and Japan surrendered.

Yes, the War ended a few days after. Paul Tibbets and his crew of 13 men delivered the Enola Gay's fearsome cargo.

The devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is definitely an example of how the expression "War is Hell" is so very true.

I think today of veterans and active service men and women who wrestle with what they have seen or what they have had to do in time of war. We owe them so

much. We owe them our treasured freedoms and our American way of life.

We owe some of them our very existence and the fact that we live in a free country, not speaking German or Japanese.

Tibbets recently said he was not proud that the bomb he dropped killed so many people. But he continued to say that he was proud that he was able to be part of a mission that saved so many hundreds of thousands of American Lives.

Today, as we sit below our Village's beautiful Eternal Flame monument, let us, as the inscribed words remind us, not forget those who served and are still serving in far off lands. They fight sinister enemies who wear no uniforms. They fight enemies who kill civilians and soldiers with equal enthusiasm. They fight enemies who use terrorism as their weapon of mass destruction.

Our soldiers fight not countries but radical and fanatical groups. We fight them with armed forces made up of our neighbors, our neighbor's sons and our neighbor's daughters. Persons we know and live along side of.

Let us today, in particular, offer our prayers of "hope for a safe return" for the young men and women overseas, who deserve our gratitude.

These young men and women who are away from loved ones, overseas doing their Patriotic duty. Young men and women placed in "Harms Way". And these young men and women who are exposed daily to moral and ethical dilemmas we will never know.

They need and deserve our support and understanding so that when they return home, "They", as Paul Tibbets said "can sleep clearly each night"

I want to thank you all for coming out today and I want to also thank Commander Dave Lundsford and the entire Marris/Meyer American Legion for hosting this annual activity.

The Legion's care of this nationally recognized monument means so much to all veterans in the Southland area. I know I can speak for the residents of our Village when I say how proud we all are to have it as the Patriotic show place it is.



## De La Salle to Host Farewell Celebration for Br. Michael Quirk

De La Salle Institute will be hosting a farewell celebration honoring its president, Br. Michael Quirk, FSC, on December 1, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. in the Hilton Commons, located at the Institute Campus at 3434 S. Michigan Ave. Br. Michael is being lauded for his 24 years of service to De La Salle.

Gifts of appreciation are welcome. Parking is available in the Illinois Institute of Technology lot located to the west of De La Salle.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Barbara Herring at (312) 842-7355 ext. 139 or by e-mail at [herringb@dls.org](mailto:herringb@dls.org). There is no admission fee.

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## Moraine Valley to host photography exhibit by Lloyd Wassenaar

Moraine Valley Community College will host "Chicago City Views" by local artist Lloyd Wassenaar in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The exhibit will run December 12 to January 31.

Wassenaar uses a camera with a poor plastic lens to capture a distorted view of Chicago's tallest buildings. A sense of the tourist can be found in his color photographs, which seldom show the street level, as if the viewer is always walking with his or her head bent skyward to view the tops of buildings for the first time. "The lack of building support is important because it is easy

to become disoriented when looking up and feeling as if both yourself and the buildings are animated," said Wassenaar. "This contradicts what the viewer knows to be the truth about buildings—that they are solid, straight and secure."

Wassenaar is an adjunct faculty member in the Art Department at Moraine Valley and Joliet Junior College. He earned a Master of Fine Arts degree and a Master of Science degree in Studio Arts from Illinois State University in Normal. He also holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Printmaking and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Photography from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has been published, and his award-winning work has been exhibited in Illinois, New York, North Dakota, and China. He also shows a collection at Benedictine University in Lisle.

Moraine Valley's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery provides an opportunity to view locally and nationally recognized artists. Exhibits in the Art Gallery are free to the public and are available for viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as during most performances in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit [morainevalley.edu/fpac](http://morainevalley.edu/fpac).

## Palos Village Players Auditions

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for their next production, Wendy Wasserman's Pulitzer Prize winning play HEIDI CHRONICLES, at 8:00 PM

December 4 & 5 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 S. La Grange Road, Orland Park.

The play, which won many other critical awards including a Tony, is a moving examination of the progress of a generation, from the socially and politically activist sixties to the success-oriented eighties—a time during which the status of American women underwent profound, and sometimes unsettling change.

The cast consists of 3 men and 5 women and the audition will require cold readings from the script. Previous stage experience is helpful but not required.

Lori Nussle, of Palos Park, is the director and the production dates are February 29 through March 9. Call 708-448-5830 for information.

Don't forget to advertise your New Year's Eve Party. call 501-609-0547 or fax 708-221-6663

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## Rita To Seek Fourth Term

State Rep. Robert "Bob" Rita surrounded by friends, family and supporters, announced his intention to seek a fourth term in the Illinois House of Representatives.

"Since taking office, I have been proud to work with local families and community leaders to make our neighborhoods a better place to raise a family, and we've had a lot of victories," said Rita. "Although we have accomplished a great deal, there is still more work to do, and I hope to continue serving the people of the 28th district."

"Representative Bob Rita and I have worked closely together on many issues important to the people of the 14th Senate District and the 28th House District," said Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. "It is important that he return to Springfield to work with me for our constituents."

First elected to the House of Representatives in 2002, Rita has built a reputation of hard work and dedication to local residents and issues. In Springfield, he quickly established himself as a legislator who can get things done. In recent years he has secured funding for a waste transfer station for the Village of Robbins and used his Tollway Oversight Committee to advance the stalled interchange project at Interstates 57 and 294, making good on his promises to constituents.

"It is important to our region that we finally get an interchange built at I-57 and I-294, and before Bob got involved, all we heard was a lot of empty promises," said Thomas Murawski Mayor of Midlothian. "With his Tollway Oversight committee, he was able to secure \$16 million to keep the project moving closer to reality."

"The fast-track approval for the waste transfer station in Robbins was a needed boost to our local economy, and Bob put a lot of work into making it a reality," said Mayer Irene Brodie. "It's nice to know that Robbins can count on Representative Rita."

Respected and trusted by

local leaders, many of whom stood with him at his campaign kickoff. Rita has made it a priority to be accessible to everyone in the 28th District. Through his constituent service office in Crestwood, Rita works on behalf of those tied up in bureaucratic red-tape.

"If one of our residents is having trouble fighting government red tape, the first person I call is Bob," said Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek. "He always takes time to personally intervene, and I am proud to support him for re-election."

"Bob has proven to be a very responsive and accessible legislator for Orland Park," said Dan McLaughlin, Mayor of Orland Park. "It is with this commitment to local issues in mind that endorse Representative Rita for a fourth term."

"Whether it is fighting for the third airport or school funding reform, Bob has always been on the right side of our side," said 2nd District U.S. Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. "I wholeheartedly endorse Bob Rita as the only choice for the 28th District."

## Alsip Approves Municipal Code Ordinance

The village board approved an ordinance at the Nov. 5 Alsip Board of Trustees meeting which amends a chapter of the municipal code pertaining to administration as well as an article regarding the foreign fire insurance board and a section regarding foreign fire insurance tax fund, rules and regulations. A contract with Drikow Engineering to conduct a preliminary engineering study for the 24-inch water main which crosses the Cal-Sag Channel, for an estimated amount of \$16,400, was approved as well as a request from the Chamber of Commerce for permission to place a portable sign in front of their office at 12159 S. Pulaski Avenue along with the placement of no more than one dozen signs through out the village to advertise the Craft Fair at Apollo Park on November 10. The associated fees were also

waived.

Other highlights; The board approved a water department authorization request to hire an employee to replace Joe Hermann. Candidates must possess equivalent qualifications to those of a "class one operator". An authorization request to hire an additional full-time employee pending the approval of the finance director was also approved. A request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 1-1 special use permit for Internet Auto Sales at 12400 S. Keeler Avenue as well as a request for a 1-1 special use permit for Auto Sales and Auto Detailing at 4920 W. 128th Place was approved.

## Fannie May Free Chocolate Ferry

New "Fannie May Free Chocolate Ferry" Offers Holiday Shoppers A Free Ride Between Metra Stations and Michigan Ave.

Complimentary Chicago River Taxi service includes free Fannie May chocolate samples.

Holiday shoppers taking Metra trains downtown have a delicious new way to get from Chicago's two largest rail stations to Michigan Avenue—all while enjoying the convenience of a boat ride on the Chicago River compliments of Fannie May ([www.fanniemay.com](http://www.fanniemay.com)).

The Fannie May Free Chocolate Ferry will provide a complimentary ride – and free Fannie May chocolate samples – to passengers on the Chicago Water Taxi between Madison Street and Michigan Avenue on weekends through Dec. 23. Additional service will be offered on Friday, Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving.

In addition to the free ride and the complimentary chocolate samples on board, passengers will receive a coupon for a free cup of Fannie May Hot Chocolate, redeemable at the Fannie May flagship store at Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive.

"Shopping downtown, along Michigan Avenue, during the holidays is a magical experience, but commuting from the suburbs

can be stressful. By offering the Fannie May Free Chocolate Ferry, we hope to ease at least one stressor of the holiday season. Passengers will enjoy views along the Chicago River while nibbling on free chocolate," said David Taiclet, CEO of Fannie May Confections, Inc. "Just like Fannie May chocolates are part of Chicago holiday traditions, we hope the Fannie May Free Chocolate Ferry can become another local tradition for years to come."

The Chicago Water Taxi dock at the northwest corner of the Madison Street bridge is just steps from the Ogilvy Transportation Center (formerly Northwestern Station) and the north concourse of Union Station. The Michigan Avenue dock is northwest of the Michigan Avenue bridge, between the Wrigley Building and the new Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago. From there it's a quick walk across the bridge to the flagship Fannie May store at Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive.

Weekend service runs about every 25 minutes, from 10 a.m. to 6:25 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:35 a.m. to 5:12 p.m. on Sundays. Complete schedule information is available at [www.chicagowatertaxi.com](http://www.chicagowatertaxi.com) or by calling (312) 337-1446. The Chicago Water Taxi features a heated, enclosed cabin to keep passengers warm during holiday trips.

Metra train schedules can be found at [www.metra.com](http://www.metra.com).

A complete list of retail locations selling Fannie May, as well as online ordering information, can be found online at [www.fanniemay.com](http://www.fanniemay.com).

## Crestwood mayor's son to take helm

Mayor Chester Stranczek, 77, recently resigned and his son Robert Stranczek, 42, who had received unanimous approval by the village board at a previous board of trustees meeting, assumed the office of mayor. Mayor Chester Stranczek served as the mayor of Crestwood for



Members of Mount Assisi's National Honor Society graded numerous tests during the Nov. 10 eighth grade math contest held at the school. Pictured (left to right) are Mount Assisi seniors Breanne Rimkus, Megan Culligan, Kelscy Smolek, Allison Sheedy and Jessica Kelly.

## Mount Assisi Academy Hosts 28<sup>th</sup> Invitational Eighth Grade Math Contest Event Sponsored by MAA's National Honor Society and Mathletes

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, recently hosted the 28<sup>th</sup> Invitational Eighth Grade Math Contest on Saturday, November 10. Nine catholic elementary schools participated in the event. Teams were divided into large school and small school divisions.

Three session tests consisting of topics such as order of operations, mind benders, perimeters, fractions and decimals, were conducted. Students were challenged and encouraged to take part in more than one test area.

The top three schools in each division were awarded trophies. Individual high scorers were honored with plaques and medals. Winners of the large school division include Our Lady of Peace – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Darien), St. Christina – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Chicago) and St. Michael – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Orland Park). Small school division winners were St. Mary – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Mokena), St. Mary of Gostyn – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Downers Grove) and St. Alexander – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Palos Heights).

The Mount Assisi Academy community congratulates all the talented students who participated in this event.

the past 38 years. During his tenure, the elder Stranczek is known for operating the village as a business. He outsourced most village jobs and over saw the creation of a village with some 50 businesses, which expanded over the years to some 600 businesses. He also created a program in which residents received a portion of their property taxes.

The younger Stranczek will finish out the remainder of his father's term, which expires in 2009. Stranczek also said the change in leadership doesn't reflect a change in focus. Our goal is still the same, to be a safe community where we take care of both our residents and

businesses. Robert Stranczek is no stranger to politics he was 4 years old when his father was first elected mayor. His first priority is to bring a grocery store back to the village to fill the empty Dominick's. He believes the resident won't see any negative changes and hopes they will only see positive ones.

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## Tinley Park Library News

### Battle of the Air Bands

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting Battle of the Air Bands on Tuesday, November 27 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Participants in grades 6-12 are invited to come out and test their "metal" along with their lip synching and air guitar skills. Songs must be submitted for approval by Tuesday, November 20. Registration begins Tuesday, September 4.

### Festival of Lights

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Festival of Lights on Thursday, November 29 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Children ages 8-11 are invited to come and experience the wonder of the holiday season. Registration begins Tuesday, September 4.

### Jewel Shop and Share Days

The Friends of the Tinley Park Public Library will be sponsoring a Jewel Shop & Share Days event on December 3, 4, and 5. The proceeds will benefit the Tinley Park Public Library. Pick up your identification slip at the library's Patron Services desk prior to the scheduled dates, and present them at time of checkout at any Jewel-Osco.

### Kevin Reeks in Concert

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting Kevin Reeks on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Reeks is a local pianist who comes to share his gift. Registration begins Monday, November 12.

### Library Board Meeting

The Board of the Tinley Park Public Library will meet on Wednesday,

November 28, at 7 p.m. in the library board room. Meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the library's web site at [www.tplibrary.org](http://www.tplibrary.org).

### Library Closed

The Tinley Park Public Library will close on Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving day. The library will reopen on Friday, November 23.

### Tinley Park Public Library to Sponsor Park and Play on Your Way

The Tinley Park Library is proud to announce the acquisition of the Commuter Connection: Park and Play on Your Way Grant made possible by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). This new service will be offered at the 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue Metra Station in Tinley Park on November 9, 30, & December 21, serving the 1:30pm and 2:55pm trains. (Watch for the 2008 dates coming out soon.)

Commuters can take advantage of the Bookmobile and its services, with a special emphasis on electronic resources, including books on CD, musical CDs, DVDs and play-alongs. Find a book to listen to on your commute, or pick up a movie for the weekend. In a hurry? You can email, text, or IM your request to [tplibrary2go](mailto:tplibrary2go) using AIM or Yahoo Instant Messenger. It will be ready and waiting for you when you arrive.

For more information, please call 708.532.0160. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

## Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library Classes

Please register for all programs by contacting the Adult Services Dept. at 708/371-5666.

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Library is located at 11960 S. Pulaski Road in Alsip.

Wednesday, December 5, 7 P.M.

Prepare for the holidays with an ornament craft you

can make and take home. Our instructor will be library staff member Wendy Roe. Materials fee is \$5.00.

### Food and Toy Drive

The library is proud to sponsor our 6th Annual Food and Toy Drive. From Now to December 20th, we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, and monetary donations for Worth Township to distribute to area families who are in need. For further information, please contact the Adult Services Department.

### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets on the first Thursday of each month except for January. If you would like to join us, sign up in the Adult Services Department.

### December 6 Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.

### Computer Classes

John Hojek, instructor from Prairie State College, will once again teach computer classes at our library.

### Nov. 30 — Beginning Computer 10 AM-Noon

Registration must be done in person, with a valid library card or I.D. Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library cardholders have priority, and non-residents may be placed on a waiting list. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$25 for non-residents (limit 16).

## Renowned Hollywood Composer John Williams Leads The Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Four Concerts

Mr. Williams conducts some of his most beloved film scores on November 23 and 25

Programs on November 24 and 27 to feature film scores and selected symphonic works

Celebrated Hollywood composer John Williams

returns to Chicago in November to lead the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in four programs on November 23 through 27. On Friday, November 23, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m., Mr. Williams will conduct a performance of some of his most beloved film scores, including music from such films as "Star Wars," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial." On Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. and Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Williams will lead a diverse program of favorite film scores alongside several of his symphonic compositions for the concert hall.

The 2007-2008 *Infiniti Friday Night at the Movies* series kicks off on Friday, November 23 at 8 p.m., when John Williams returns to Symphony Center after his sold-out 2005 performances to conduct selections from his own most well known film scores, including "Superman," "Born on the Fourth of July" and "Jaws," as well as "Techniques of Film Scoring," an entertaining how-to lesson on his craft. Former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson will be on hand to narrate a suite from "The Reivers," and CSO Principal Percussion Cynthia Yeh, saxophonist Dan Higgins and bassist Michael Valerio are featured soloists in music from "Catch Me If You Can." The evening closes with a special tribute to the movies of legendary directors George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, with music from "Star Wars," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" and more. Mr. Williams and the Orchestra reprise this movie-music program on Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m., in a performance benefitting the Musicians Pension Fund. Limited tickets to these performances are still available.

On Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. and Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Williams leads a diverse program that highlights not only his achievements as master composer for Hollywood, but also his symphonic music for the concert hall, including the CSO's first performances of his *Fanfare for a Festive Occasion*, *American Journey* and *The Five Sacred Trees*. Mr. Williams' concerto for bassoon and orchestra, featuring the CSO's principal bassoon, David McGill. The program will also include music from films including "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," "The Witches of Eastwick" and "Memoirs of a Geisha," with CSO Principal Cello John Sharp as soloist.

Arguably the best-known and most-loved film composer of our time, John Williams has amassed a vast list of credentials, including five Academy Awards and 20

Grammy Awards. He has received a record 45 Academy Award nominations, most recently for his score from "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," making him the Academy's most-nominated living artist. He has also been awarded three British Academy Awards, three Golden Globes, four Emmys and numerous gold and

platinum records. His incredible output of music includes the scores for more than a hundred films, including "Star Wars," "Jaws," "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan," "Jurassic Park," the "Indiana Jones" trilogy, "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and three "Harry Potter" films.

## BET ON BLUE CAP 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Casino Night is Coming

Blue Cap will be holding its third annual Casino Night on January 25, 2008 from 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest. The ever growing charity event will consist of Blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, a Money Wheel, Pull Tabs and Beat the Dealer games.

Tickets are available for only \$10, which includes food, soft drinks, dessert and a raffle entry. A cash bar will also be available.

Blue Cap is currently seeking volunteers for the event, who will act as dealers, serve food and help register guests.

Blue Cap, has been serving individuals with developmental disabilities, in the Chicago area for over 40 years, offering educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential services, while helping them live life to the fullest with dignity and respect.

For more information please contact Tracy Sullivan, PR Coordinator @ 708-389-8137 ext. 305 / email: [TracyS@blue-cap.org](mailto:TracyS@blue-cap.org) OR Jill Hart, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator at 708-389-8137 ext. 303 / email: [JillH@blue-cap.org](mailto:JillH@blue-cap.org).

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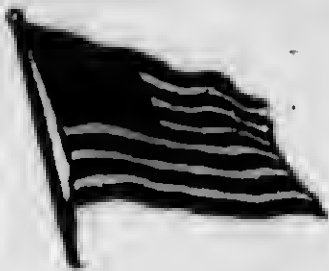
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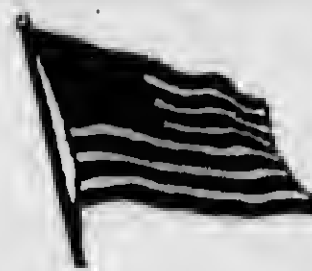
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### Evergreen Park approves short term borrowing ordinance

The village board at the Nov. Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting unanimously approved an ordinance to borrow money for cash flow purposes. Mayor James Sexton said the reason for this ordinance is due to the state and the county neglecting to get our property tax bills out on time. Therefore the village is going to be issuing some short term borrowing until the real-estate tax money comes in from the county in order to pay our bills. The monies will be borrowed from the Illinois Finance Authority. The village attorney has checked into this and found that the rates are very good; this is a very short-term agreement. "We expect to pay this back by the end of December, I'm sorry we have to do this, Sexton said. But I think we are one of many municipalities and school districts that have had to do the same. The delay started in Springfield and spread through Cook County with the 7-percent property tax increase."

Other highlights: The board approved a four way stop sign at the intersection of 98th Street and Harding Avenue as well as a 2008 membership dues request for National League of Cities for \$1,789. A 2008 membership dues request for the Illinois Municipal league for \$1,274 was also approved.



Pictured from left to right are student council members Andrea Wolski, Nicole Hoffman and Dan Przybylski holding posters used to promote the event.

### Trick-Or-Treat UNICEF

The St. Patricia's Student Council sponsored TRICK-OR-TREAT for UNICEF. All students received UNICEF boxes to take with them as they trick or treat. The students collected over \$1,400 for UNICEF. An increase from last year's amount!

### Oak Lawn property maintenance ordinance postponed

The village board at the Nov 27 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting voted to table the property maintenance ordinance upon the request of landlords and realtors until the next meeting. The parties claimed that the meeting, which was held on November 19 for interested parties to attend to air their concerns, was too short to obtain a positive outcome. Also many of them hadn't had a chance to read the revised ordinance. The landlords and realtors were encouraged to put their concerns and recommendations in writing and return them to the board prior to the next meeting on December 11. Participants who attended the November 27 meeting were encouraged to obtain a copy of the 21-page ordinance in advance, which were available at the clerk's office, so as to be prepared to offer specific recommendations.

Other highlights: The board approved a resolution regarding a negotiated agreement between the village and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Oak Lawn Chapter #309, as well as a contract with Crowley Sheppard for a parking lot paving project at 9432 S. Tully Avenue for \$28,200. A special board meeting will be held on December 18, to adopt the 2007 property tax levy. No increase in the property tax rate is being recommended. Determination by the corporate authorities of the tentative tax levy, including the library levy for 2007, is \$17,375,614.00.

### Breakfast with Santa

Come join our 7th Annual "Breakfast with Santa" at The Hilton Oak Lawn, at 9333 South Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL. Join Santa and his helpers in the festive Grand Ballroom. Enjoy an abundant Holiday Breakfast Buffet featuring a fun Kiddie Buffet... Two seating times: 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Adults \$22.00— Children age 3 -12 \$15.00, with Tax included. Ages 2 and under

are Free. Reservations required 708-229-8850.

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### News from Evergreen Park Senior Council

Madeline Cassi is remembered with an EP Senior donation. A thriving Village consists of all age groups linking together for the common good. If you are considering a donation or bequest to the Senior Citizens' Council the Senior Council is a 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

A check in the amount of \$500 was presented in memory of Madeline Cassi. Cassi was a long time resident of Evergreen Park and was very active at the Office of Citizens' Service, serving as Treasurer of EPSC for many years. Her smiling face was always a welcome sight. She also served Evergreen Park residents as a volunteer income tax counselor.

### HLR Music Department to Present Holiday Concert December 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Main Gym at Harold L. Richards High School,  
10601 S. Central Ave, Oak  
Lawn, IL

On Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> the Harold L. Richards High School music department will present its annual Holiday Concert at 7:00pm in the main gym. The concert will feature the choirs and the band performing many holiday favorites. The concert will conclude with the choirs and band together performing

Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. The choirs are under the direction of Kristin Morris, and the band is under the direction of Charles Martin. Admission to the concert is \$5.00. Family rate is \$10.00. The music department is collecting canned goods for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, Illinois, at this concert. A \$1.00 discount off the price of admission will be given to all who bring canned goods to this concert. Any senior citizen bringing canned goods will receive a \$2.00 discount. Admission will be \$3.00.

For more information  
Charles Martin 708-499-  
2550 Ext. 5096  
Kristin Morris 708-499-  
2550 Ext 5095

### Holly Day on Ice

Enjoy skating performances by figures skaters of all ages at the Oak Lawn Park District's Annual **Holly Day On Ice** skating exhibition on Saturday, December 8th. This free event will feature skaters from 3 - 63 years old performing skating interpretations of their favorite holiday music. Skaters will take the ice at 4:00pm at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton. For more information please call the ice arena at 708-857-5173.

### Ladies.... Let's Do Lunch, in Oak Lawn

Whitney's Bar & Grille located in The Hilton Oak Lawn at 9333 South Cicero Ave, in Oak Lawn, IL. will once again present our very popular "Fashionable Lunch" series. The latest fashions will be presented by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn on Thursday, December 6th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are suggested call 708-229-8888. Enjoy a fabulous lunch and discover the latest fashions.

### Richards to host open house for eighth grade students, par- ents

Harold L. Richards High School will host its annual open house for seventh and eighth grade students and their parents on Thursday, December 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Open house will include a wide range of presentations and demonstrations about Richards' academic programs, extracurricular activities and athletic teams. Counselors also will discuss academic planning for high school and college.

In addition to the presentations and demonstrations, administrators, teachers and counselors will be available to talk with parents and students.

### Oak Lawn Park District at Christmas Time

Breakfast or Lunch with Santa - Take a break from shopping and enjoy breakfast or lunch with your family and Santa at the beautiful Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., on Saturday, December 8. Breakfast will be at 9 am and Lunch will be at 1 pm. Breakfast will feature 2 homemade French toast slices, 2 sausage links and your choice of milk, juice or coffee. Lunch will include a hot dog and chili. French fries and soda. Pictures with Santa will also be available for an additional fee. Please note that all in attendance must be registered. Registration is required for either the breakfast or lunch seating. No registrations will be taken day of. Fee is \$6.00 per person per seating. For more information, please call (708) 857-2433.

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## From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

*Dear EarthTalk: Where does all the medical waste from labs, doctor's offices and hospitals go? Does it just get put in a barrel and buried? Do they dump it in the oceans? With all the waste that is probably generated, it would be interesting to know where all those vials of blood and stuff go.*

— Lee Senat, Haverford, PA

Medical waste is defined as the "biological byproduct of the diagnosis, treatment or immunization of human or animal patients" and includes so-called "sharps" (needles and scalpels), lab cultures and stocks, blood and blood products and any other wastes generated from sick patients or patients with infectious diseases. Such wastes have traditionally been disposed of by burning, either onsite at large medical or veterinary facilities, or offsite by licensed contractors that specialize in handling infectious materials. In most cases, incineration has been found to be effective in neutralizing potentially infectious agents.

But incineration, whether for medical or other purposes, doesn't come without its health and environmental risks. The process generates some highly noxious pollutants, such as mercury and dioxin. Despite modern pollution control equipment on smokestacks, some of this discharge becomes airborne where it can foul the air and end up in waterways. And the incinerator ash left over after burning is usually sent to local landfills, where the pollutants can seep into soils and groundwater if not properly contained.

Given such problems, many of the nation's largest medical waste incinerators have been shut down in recent years in the face of more stringent regulations promulgated under the U.S.

Clean Air Act. In their place a wide assortment of alternative methods, including autoclaving (steam sterilization), chemical disinfection, irradiation and enzymatic (biological) processes have emerged. Today more than 100 different technologies are in use in place of incineration. Once medical waste has been decontaminated by any of these methods, it usually ends up in landfills alongside regular municipal solid waste.

Most of us never even thought about medical waste until it started washing up on beaches in New Jersey in 1987 and 1988 in an event that became known as the "Syringe Tide." The event hit the New Jersey tourism industry hard, costing it almost \$1 billion in lost revenues. It also served as the basis for Barbara Ehrenreich's book, "The Great Syringe Tide" and reportedly was the inspiration for the line "hypodermics on the shores" in Billy Joel's 1989 hit, "We Didn't Start the Fire."

While there were few if any cases of people getting sick from exposure to such waste on beaches—medical waste poses a far greater risk to health care workers than to casual beachgoers—the events served as a wake-up call to federal and state governments charged with ensuring public safety. In response, Congress passed the Medical Waste Tracking Act (MWTa) in 1988, which classified different types of medical waste and called for the creation of a "cradle-to-grave" tracking system requiring medical facilities and waste haulers to account for the proper handling and whereabouts of the waste they handled.

Congress only funded MWTa for two years, but various states have since enacted their own laws and protocols based on standards set by the original legislation. Not

surprisingly, the toughest laws are in place in New Jersey and other Northeast shoreline states.

Got an Environmental Question? Send it to: EarthTalk, c/o E/The

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## New Worth Township Trustee appointed

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The township bid farewell to Michael Davis the former Trustee, who resigned to assume the duties of trustee in Chicago Ridge, where he is a proud lifelong resident. It is their gain. Davis was honored at the July Board Meeting. Michael will bring the same level of commitment to his new position.

Sullivan experience as the current school board president (District 218), member of Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and other active memberships has prepared him for the myriad of responsibilities this vital position entails. Michael Sullivan is a partner in a law firm with offices in the loop and Joliet. He is a graduate of Brother Rice High School, Bradley University and De Paul University College of Law. Sullivan is pleased to continue his civic

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## Hometown News

Army Reserve Pvt. Kyle J. Tietz has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons,

rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values. He is the son of Juanita Tietz of W. 127th St., Palo Heights, Ill.

Tietz is a student at Alan B. Shepard High School, Palo Heights.

## Reception to Honor Marcus D. Jefferson on His Election to Board of Directors of Illinois Association of Mortgage Professionals

Mayor Richard M. Daley is Honorary Chairman. Senate President Emil Jones Jr., Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger, US Congressman Danny K. Davis to Co-Chair Event.

Marcus D. Jefferson, President of SRB Financial Services, will be honored for his election to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of Mortgage Professionals (IAMP) at a reception on December 7 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Chicago State University's Student Union Rotunda, 9501 South King Drive in Chicago.

Senate President Emil Jones Jr., Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger, US Congressman (7th District) Danny K. Davis will be the Chairmen of the event. Mayor Richard M. Daley will act as Honorary Chairman. Cliff Kelly, popular radio personality from station WVON 1690, will be the evening's toastmaster.

The reception will benefit the pledge drive for the State of the Art Family Life Center, to be located on the 9300 South Cottage Grove block in Chicago. The Family Life Center will be

developed by Urban Love Community Development. It will be among the first community centers in Chicago to teach young people financial literacy and the importance of fiscal discipline. Dr. Jo Ann Long, President and CEO of Urban Love Community Development, will welcome everyone to the reception.

"We are very proud to have Marcus on our Board of Directors," said Paul Lucken, President of the IAMP. "Marcus' twenty year focus on teaching young people the benefits of financial literacy and his desire to build bridges between communities will be an asset to our association. We are also excited about contributing to the State of the Art Family Life Center. The Family Center will do more than just 'give back' to the community. It will develop future generations of young leaders and give them the financial tools to change their lives. Perhaps a future Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank will have learned the basics of economics during their years of study at the Family Life Center."

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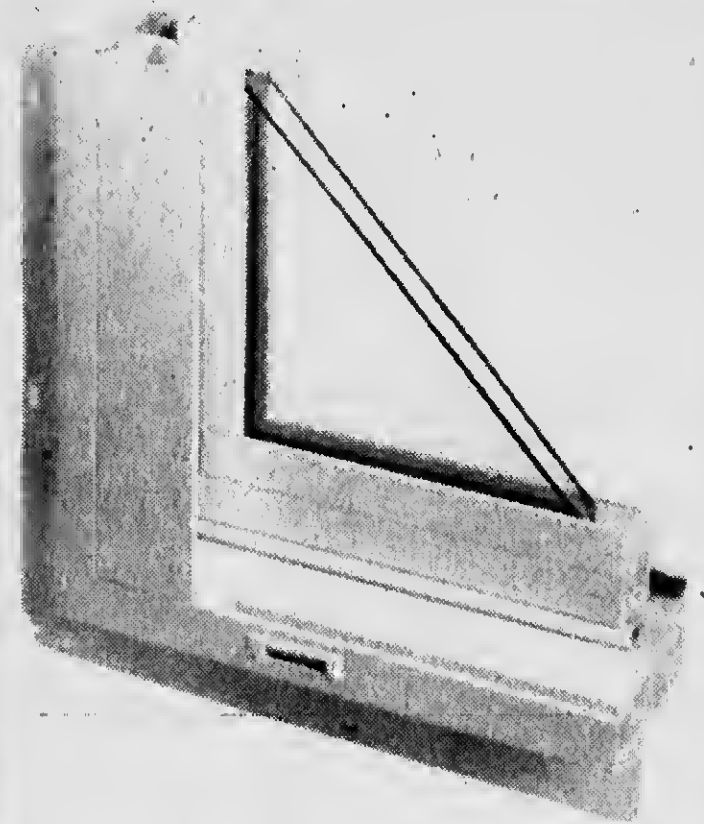
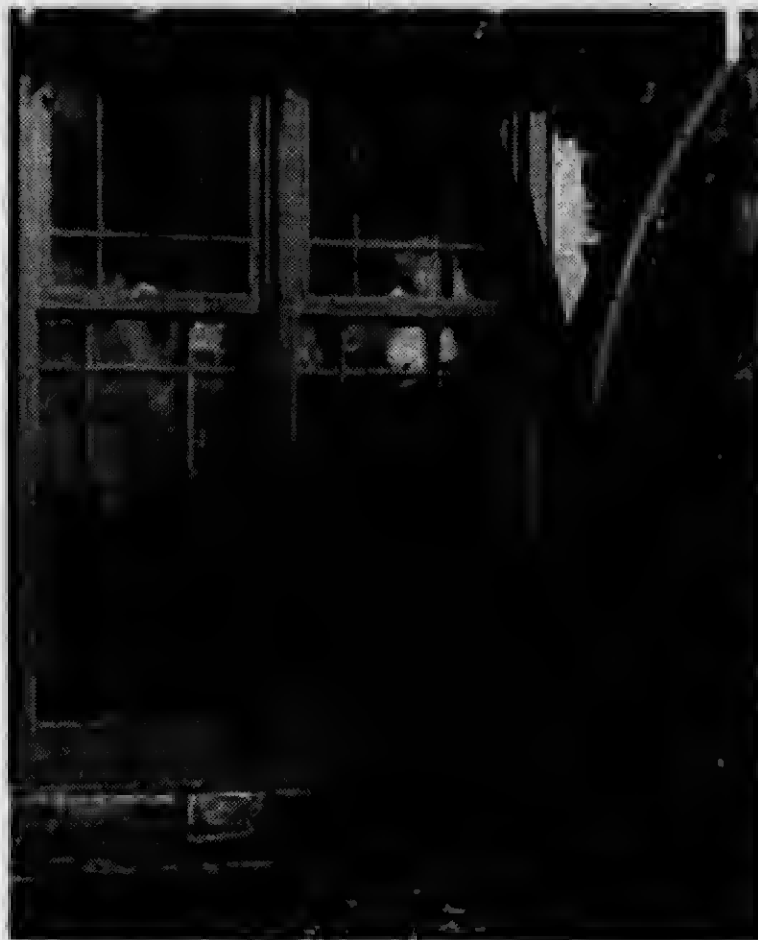
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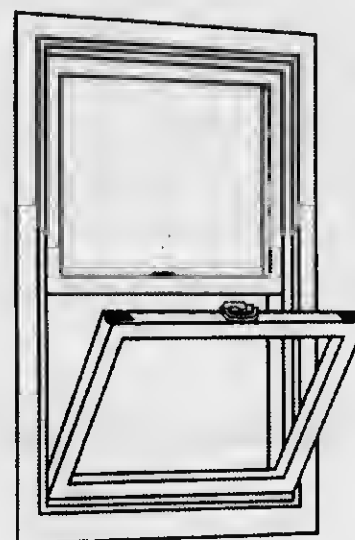


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## Bella Lounge hosted Finlandia's bartender contest

by Annette Dixon.

Ricky Cavé, resident of Oak Lawn for more than 30 years and manager of Bella Lounge, 1212 N. State St. Chicago, stated all of the eight guest bartenders were hoping to go to Finland to compete with other world wide bartenders. After several hours of displaying not only super professionalism, but also inventing new drinks, Joshua Dobbs beat out the distinguished field of competitors to emerge as area's best bartender.

Joshua will be competing in Kittila, Finland on Feb. 12th in the 10th annual International Finlandia Vodka Cup. "The competition was incredible," said Dobbs, "Working with the best bartenders in Chicago was awesome!" "Dobbs and others were critiqued by a distinguished panel of judges on their art, style an craft while making three cocktails, an aperitif, a long drink and an after dinner drink. Dobbs winning drinks were Grapefruit Vodkarita, Papaya Martini, and Mango Dream.

Every drink the bartender crafted had to be a new creation based on Finlandia Vodka or a member of its flavor family.

"I know it's going to be cold in Finland, but I am looking forward to going up against the best bartenders in the world," says Dobbs who is from South Chicago.

## Oak Lawn Library News

**Local Artists on Exhibit**  
The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will exhibit dozens of original works by local artists in their Public Art Gallery during December 2007.

Members of the community may stop by to view photographs by Oak Lawn resident Phyllis Brauer and collections of oil paintings by Oak Lawn resident Nancy Canellis and members of the Mt. Greenwood Art Club. The library's public art gallery is located on the second floor, near the Computer Center.

Artists interested in participating in future exhibitions can pick up an application at the library's Reception Booth.

**Art of the Nativity**  
The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will host a free art lecture, "The Christmas Canvas: Images of the Nativity," 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 5.

Art Historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will present a slide show and lecture exploring common themes of Christian imagery found in paintings of the nativity. Discover ways that artists from different cultures

and time periods have created masterpieces exalting this subject matter with glory, dignity, peace and beauty.

View a complete schedule of adult programs at the library's web site ([www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)).

## Library Welcomes Homeschoolers

Homeschooling families can meet and work together as part of a resource and sharing group Thursday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. At this month's meeting, homeschoolers are invited to participate in a talent show. Advance registration is required.

## Calling All "Yu-Gi-Oh" Players

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., will host a Yu-Gi-Oh game event from 4-5 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Students in grades three and up are invited to bring their own set of Yu-Gi-Oh cards to play with others. No registration required. Lower level meeting room.

Library Sponsors

## Holiday Food Drive

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., Holiday Food Drive is underway until Sunday, December 30. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and canned goods in the library's lobby. All donations are brought to Oak Lawn food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

For additional information or to register for the above events, call 708-422-4990.

## Illinois Philharmonic holds Holiday Pops Concerts

Bells will be ringing and voices singing at the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Pops concert on Sunday afternoon December 15 and Sunday Afternoon December 16, 2007. The Center for Performing Arts (CPA), Governor State University concert is on the 15th and at Lincoln Way East Fine Arts

Center (LWEC) concert at 201 Colorado Avenue in Frankfort is on the 16th. Both concerts begin at 3pm.

The Illinois Philharmonic is delighted to be performing our special collection of holiday music showcasing local soloists, community choruses, high-school students and for the first time the Allegro Handbell Ensemble indicated Music Director, Carmen DeLeone. The Allegro Handbell Ensemble is directed by Michael Surratt and has performed through the United States, Europe, Canada and Mexico since 1977. The Allegro Handbell Ensemble serves as the concert ensemble of the

Union Church of Hinsdale.

Choruses represented are Chicago Community Choir led by Keith Hampton and the Lincoln-Way Area Chorale led by Charles R Stark. Both men are artistic directors of the choruses.

Illinois Philharmonic welcomes back guest soloists Marie Michuda, soprano and Michael Hamilton, narrator. At CPA the Homewood-Flossmoor Viking Choir is featured a special performance. AT CPA single tickets are \$28-, \$38 and \$48 and are available by calling 708-235-2222.

For tickets at LWEC call 2977. The Allegro Handbell IP at 708-481-7774. They are \$25 adults, and \$15 students 18 and under.

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## Girls' Night Out at McAuley

Young women in 7th and 8th grades interested in attending Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School are invited to a "Girls' Night Out" event on Friday, December 7 from 6 - 10 p.m.

This fun-filled night of games and activities is a great way to learn why McAuley, the fundoesn't stop at 3 o'clock. The event will be hosted by students from McAuley's Clubs, Organizations and Intramurals. To register, go online to [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org) or call 773-881-6566.

Don't miss the chance to be a Mighty Mac for a day by attending classes; meeting teachers and getting an inside look at McAuley academics during our Shadow Days. Shadow visits may be scheduled any day of the week through December 20.

Parents should register their daughter at least 3 days prior to the online form at [www.mothermcauley.org](http://www.mothermcauley.org) or by calling the Recruitment Office at 773-881-6566.

Entrance exam at Mother McAuley will be on Saturday, January 12 at 8 a.m. McAuley, located at 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago, will use the ACT developed explore test, to assess student's academic standing. The explore test consists of 4 timed tests: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. There is a \$25 test fee and students should bring two #2 pencils and a pen. Students may use calculators and no pre-registration is necessary.

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## Elvis is Back

Sunday, December 9, 2007  
The Midwest #1 Elvis Tribute Artist Bob West will Rock N Roll Nikos, 7600 S. Harlem in Bridgeview, Showtime 8:00 p.m. in the Lounge. Free Admission. For more information please call 708.496.0300.

## Candidates Need to Commit to Change

By: Bob Gallo, State  
Director, AARP Illinois

Soaring health care costs, low retirement savings and Social Security. These are issues familiar to many of us — we discuss them at our kitchen tables and in our communities. Too many people can't afford to get sick in our nation — many can't afford to retire — and its time that our presidential candidates commit to change on health care and financial security.

Health care costs are out of control for both individuals and employers. One in four Americans has problems paying medical bills and one in three says they have skipped treatment, tests or prescriptions because of costs. Forty-six million Americans are uninsured, 1.7 million right here in Illinois, and middle class families are the fastest growing segment.

Businesses are getting hit just as hard with the health care crisis. Predictions are that the average Fortune 500 Company will spend as much on health care as it makes in profits in 2008. Small businesses are struggling as well — the portion of small businesses offering health insurance to their workers fell from 68% to 60% between 2000 and 2006.

Financial security is tenuous for too many Americans. People are

simply finding it more difficult to save for retirement, frequently relying on Social Security as a main source of retirement income. Nearly two-thirds of current retirees rely on Social Security for most of their income; however, Social Security only replaces about 40% of an individual's pre-retirement income. To retire comfortably, the average-income American needs to replace, at a minimum, 70% of their pre-retirement earnings.

Pension plans are dwindling as well. Only 1 out of 5 workers in today's workforce have a pension. Defined contribution plans, such as employer-sponsored 401(k) plans, are a great way to build an adequate nest egg, but studies show that 3 out of 10 employees choose not to participate in these employer-sponsored savings plans.

America is at a tipping point. But with the 2008 elections we can be at a turning point, across the nation and right here in Illinois. There are new opportunities to not only move the issues of health care and financial security to the political forefront, but to press the candidates for solutions that can bring people together to tackle the issues.

Washington is stuck in gridlock, dominated by special interests — and it is going to take the concerted effort of business, labor, and individuals to break that gridlock. The candidates must commit to change and Americans must hold them to their commitments. Americans must demand action on the part of those they elect to office — and elected officials must deliver solutions that will provide a brighter future for the next generation.

America has waited too long for quality health care and lifetime financial security.

## Mt. Zion Christmas Services

Mt. Zion Church at 10400 South Kostner in Oak Lawn, IL. Christmas Workshop is Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day December 25, 2007, service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to contact the church call 708-423-6554.

## St Laurence HS announces Bracken Scholarship winners

St Laurence High School in Burbank is pleased to announce that juniors Anthony Rispoli (Chicago Garfield Ridge) and Matthew McLean (Chicago Scottsdale) have been named recipients of this year's Kevin Bracken Family Scholarship.

The Bracken Family of Oak Lawn supports the scholarship in honor of their son, Kevin, who is a proud graduate of St. Laurence from the Class of 1990, and who is a former United States Olympian wrestler.

For more information, please contact Ms Anne Tucker, Director of Development at St Laurence HS, the 'place where leadership begins.'

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Angela Flisk  
Kathryn Gibbons  
Joelle Gillespie  
Kevin Healy  
Candice Narcisse  
Raven Smith

**GRADE 3**  
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Luke Goodman  
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Tyrese Kincade  
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Yves-Edouard Mondesir  
Brandon Narcisse  
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Isaac Glover  
Patrick Healy  
Nina Kadich  
Sean Martyn  
Timothy McGinnis  
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Christopher Cheatham  
Alexandria Cuningham  
Donzel Davis  
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## Richards to host 30th annual holiday charity banquet on Thurs., Dec. 13

*Children who bring a storybook to donate receive free admission*

Richards High School will host its 30th annual "Miracle on 107th Street," a holiday banquet and silent auction that raises money for several charities, on Thursday, Dec. 13.

This year, the event also honors 2001 Richards graduate Erin Ward, a kindergarten teacher in the Chicago Public Schools who perished in a car accident last year.

As a student, Ward participated actively in student council and helped organize the Miracle. Children who bring a storybook to the event will receive free admission. Those books will be donated to the Erin Ward Library at Prairie Elementary School in Chicago.

The event, which is sponsored by the student council, will be in the school cafeteria starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and younger per family and include dinner and dessert. Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Avenue in Oak Lawn.

The 'Miracle' includes a visit by Santa and performances by the jazz band and show choir. Since 1978, when student council members chose to cancel their annual holiday dance in favor of an event that better reflected the season,

Richards has sponsored the banquet that has become known as "The Miracle on 107th Street."

Proceeds benefit the food pantry at Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church in Chicago Ridge, the St. Vincent DePaul Society (food pantry) of St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, Operation Blessing, and Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS).

The event generates its revenue from ticket sales, a silent auction, and raffles. Student council members started preparing for the banquet last summer with fund raisers. During the fall semester they have solicited donations of merchandise, gift certificates, and services from area merchants. These items are used in the raffles and silent auctions.

For more information or to order tickets, contact student council faculty sponsor Sherry Fiorenza at 708-499-2550, ext. 5348.

## Moraine Valley announces open auditions for 'Barefoot in the Park'

Actors of various ethnicities, ages, and backgrounds are invited to audition for a role in Moraine Valley Community College's upcoming production of "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon. Auditions will be from 6 to 10 p.m., Monday, December 10, in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Callbacks are scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, December 12.

To audition, performers must prepare a contemporary monologue. Optional cold readings from the script will be available. Roles are for actors between the ages of 18 and 60. Performances will be February 29 through March 3 and March 7 and 8, 2008. To register for an audition,

call Craig Rosen, director, at (708) 974-5432 or e-mail him at [rosen@morainevalley.edu](mailto:rosen@morainevalley.edu).

For more information about Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center or its 2007-08 season lineup, visit [morainevalley.edu/fpac](http://morainevalley.edu/fpac).

## PLOWS announces new officers

At a recent business meeting of PLOWS Council on Aging the following new officers were announced for serving a one year term. President—Dick O'Neill, Vice President—Joe marks, Secretary—Rosalie Thompson, Treasurer—Dorothy Goushas. Election for board members for a two year term are Rev. Dr. Wayne Basch, Rita Daemicke, Ann Dykstra, Mary Gels and Virginia Wrobel. Other

board members are not up for re-election at this time. Following the business meeting a presentation was given on resources and assistive devices for the visually impaired by PLOWS board member Kim Kuster. Kim is Executive Director of The Oasis for the Visually Impaired. In addition volunteers were honored from last years' service at the day's celebration.

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two children. The offer applies Sunday through Thursday night and New Year day excluded. This offer is only good for December 4 through December 30 and January 1 through the 31st. Call 1-501-609-2533 or 1-800-643-1502.

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## Orland Park Recreation To Host 3 On 3 Basketball

Boys and Girls Age Nine to Fourteen Invited to Compete

An Orland Park first has been added to the village's Recreation Department line up for the 2007 holiday season. The village's Sportsplex will host Orland Park's debut "Holiday Hoops 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament" December 29 and 30 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

"The Orland Park Recreation Department is

excited to host its first Holiday Hoops Three on Three Tournament," said village Athletic Supervisor Quincy Bejster.

"This is a great way for kids to remain active over Christmas break and have some fun with their friends at the same time," he added.

Boys and girls age nine to fourteen are invited to participate. The competition

will be divided according to age groups and gender with eight teams per division.

Participants must form teams of four and register as a team. Each team is guaranteed to play three games. Game schedules will be available after 5:00 p.m. on December 27.

The deadline to register is December 16, 2007. The cost per team is \$48 for village

residents and \$53 for non-residents. Detailed information packets, including the rules, are available for participants.

Registration is available at the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. For more information, call 708/645-PLAY.

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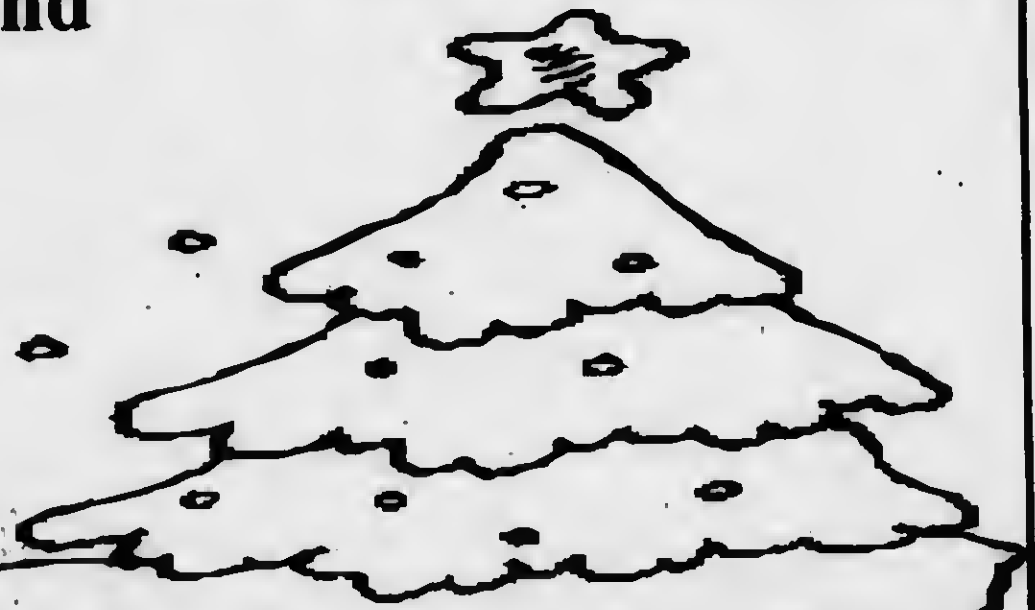
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### LET THE SALES BEGIN!

It's official - with the last of the Thanksgiving leftovers gobbled up, we're now entering into the biggest shopping season of all.

No sooner had the bird been basted and the table set and some of the women in the family were planning their big shopping spree before the crack of dawn, the day after Thanksgiving. I'm not one of them. I've never seen the sense in losing sleep over the possibility of saving a few pennies. The stores call them door busters and they're what get shoppers to stand in line, in the middle of the night, for prized items. The only trouble is that each store may only actually have a few of the sought after prized gifts. Some shoppers see it as a challenge to get the big bargains.

True to my own tradition I stayed in bed, comfy and cozy - long after the day after Thanksgiving dawned.

Bill and I did manage to venture out on Saturday afternoon. We headed for the mall. As usual we were a day late and a dollar short when it came to scoping out deals, but we didn't mind. Sales just seem to avoid us. Take for instance one popular department store. A huge center aisle table was piled high with really nice sweaters for men that were regularly priced at \$60.00. They were a door buster bargain at \$14.95. We were ready to buy in bulk but, wait a minute, there was a slight problem. In small print, at the bottom of the huge door buster sign was the stipulation—'On sale from 8:00a.m to 1:00p.m only.'

We checked the time—1:15. I asked the nearest saleslady if we could still get the sale price since the signs were still posted. She pointed to the small print and then proceeded to make her point by snatching up all the signs. Needless to say we didn't buy any men's sweaters that day. Oh well all was not lost. I did manage to find a really cool snowman decoration that was 40% off.

So it has begun, with or without door busters or gimmicky teasers to get us into the stores, one way or another we will all find our way to the malls at this merry time of year.

This Christmas shopping season will shape up to be like all others before it.

With the flip of the calendar December will be upon us.

We'll all find ourselves complaining that there simply isn't enough time to get everything done that needs to be done. But somehow, in the hustle and bustle we'll find the joy along with the ambition to get every last chore completed.

As I attempt to make my 'to do' lists and plan the holiday's events involving family and friends I put a stop to any overwhelming thoughts with a festive reminder that the magic of Christmas will get us through the chaos. It's amazing but true our merry missions will be accomplished - Let the shopping begin!!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

If there is no joyous way to give a festive gift, give love away. (Author Unknown)

## The Southwest Symphony Orchestra Presents: Christmas Remembrances

Come and celebrate the holidays with the Southwest Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas concert directed by David L. Crane, the Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley, directed by Alice Maguire, and the Music Ministry of Queen of Martyrs, directed by Carole Prendergast, in a community favorite holiday concert.

The concert will be held on December 2, 2007, at Queen of Martyrs, located at 3550 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street at 4:00 p.m.

Ticket may be purchased in advance by calling 708-802-0686 or at the door. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors, students \$5, and children under 12 are free. The not-for-profit Southwest Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1964 and serves audiences throughout Chicago's south and southwest suburban communities.

Learn more at [www.southwest-symphonyorchestra.org](http://www.southwest-symphonyorchestra.org)

## Paradores are relaxing and exciting

### Not just another hotel

by Annette Dixon

In the midst of Andalusia, Spain, a sea of olive trees embellish the rolling meadows. The enormous acreage is incomprehensible for olive production is number one in Spain. Beautifully lined olive groves only enhance the beauty of the towns and city's historic and cultural appeal.

In July 2003, the cities of Ubeda and Baeza, Spain were recognized as World Heritage Sites. Unesco pointed out that both cities present an urban morphology dating back to the period of Moorish occupation between the 9th and the 13th century. In the 21st century in 1928, King Alfonso XIII inaugurated the first parador of the Company in an impressive site, the Gredos Mountains, near Madrid, Spain. It was the same year Paradores De Turismo Hotel started the company. They have 93 Paradores throughout Spain at the present time.

Paradores De Turismo Hotel is a hotel network that currently runs the hotel establishments that are castles, convents, or palaces. What makes this company different

is that its sole shareholder is the Spanish State and the property of the para dores belong to its shareholder.

All the paradores such as Parador de Ubeda, Parador Almagro, Parador Cordoba, Parador Carmona, Parador Zafra, Parador Trujillo are designed to be 5 star facilities, yet they still preserve the look of historic buildings that have an appealing atmosphere. Each Parador had a dining restaurant brilliantly situated near an outdoor, sometimes indoor, courtyard.

Each Parador has the most spectacular bedrooms which give an esthetic appreciation of Victorian decor but more importantly a comfortable mattress for a good night sleep.

The cities where the Paradores are located are representing the historic various towns, such as Baeza where you can visit Santa Maria Square which has a Cathedral, music conservatorium, headquarters for the International University of Andalusia, The Jabalquinto Palace and the Santa Cruz Church (The only example of a late Romantic temple in Andalusia, plus more sites.

In Cordoba you have the Roman Temples, Roman City Walls, Roman Bridge, Cercadillas Archaeological sites, remains have been found from the 3rd and 4th

century and located in this building. In modern day Castle of the Christian Monarchs, there is an extraordinary collection of mosaics decorating the walls of two of the halls. There is so much to see in Cordoba.

If you are looking for a big city experience it would be to visit the Carmona Parador, which is near the city of Seville. You'll experience a small town atmosphere in Carmona and visit a large city of Seville with an appreciation of a tourist. While trying to find an ideal vacation and experience the best of Spain, contact the Tourist Office of Spain at Water Town Place, 845 N. Michigan Avenue, Ste 915, Chicago, IL, telephone number, 312-642-1992 ext.13 or go onto the web at [www.spain.info](http://www.spain.info). For more information or reservations to a Parador of your choice, contact reservation center at [www.parador.es](http://www.parador.es) or email: [reservas@parador.es](mailto:reservas@parador.es).

Persons aged 60 or more receive a 35% discount on the official rate for stays including accommodations and breakfast. Ask also about specials such as a 5 night card, which could be used at different Paradores for only 90 euros per night which also includes breakfast. This is a standard double room for one or two persons.

## OLCHS Announces Students of the Quarter

Nine students at Oak Lawn Community High School have been named Students of the First Quarter. The students were selected from each department from teacher nominations. The criteria for the recognition includes having at least a B average and no unexcused tardies/absences. The students must have also demonstrated responsibility, consistent growth, good citizenship, and above average effort/performance.

The honorees included: Christopher Szaflarski (Oak Lawn) Business Education; Megan Beristain (Oak Lawn) Science; William Gebbia (Oak Lawn) Social Science; Megan Beristain (Oak Lawn) Mathematics; Steven West (Hometown) Industrial Technology; Michael Wilson (Oak Lawn) Art; Brandon Whitehead (Oak Lawn) Family/Consumer Sciences; Edward McCracken (Hometown) Foreign Language; John Kapala (Oak Lawn) English; and Ronald Spitzer (Oak Lawn) Physical Education.

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In a ceremony at Saint Xavier's Orland Park Campus on Thursday, Nov. 29, Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D. (Right), and Joliet Junior College President Eugenia Proulx, Ph.D. (Left), signed the new 2+2 Teacher Education Articulation Agreement, which will enhance transfers of early childhood and elementary education majors.

## Saint Xavier University signs Teacher Education Transfer Articulation Agreement with Joliet Junior College

*Agreement will allow JJC education majors to more easily transfer to Saint Xavier*

The presidents of Saint Xavier University and Joliet Junior College signed an agreement yesterday that allows education majors from JJC to more easily transfer to Saint Xavier to earn an undergraduate degree and teacher certification.

In a ceremony at Saint Xavier's Orland Park Campus, Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., and Joliet Junior College President Eugenia Proulx, Ph.D., signed the new 2+2 Teacher Education Articulation Agreement, which will enhance transfers of early childhood and elementary education majors.

"This cooperative relationship will enhance service for our constituents, support a smooth transfer experience, minimize duplication of instruction and build on community college and university learning experiences," said Saint Xavier President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D. "We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with Joliet Junior College."

Under the agreement, any student who completes a prescribed block of 64 credits at Joliet Junior College with a GPA of 2.5 or better can transfer to the Saint Xavier University School of Education where they can complete 57 credits to earn a degree and teacher certification in elementary education or 56 hours for early childhood education.

"We look forward to enhancing our already excellent relationship with Joliet Junior College," said School of Education Dean Beverly Gulley. "This new articulation agreement will greatly improve students' ability to complete their baccalaureate degree education in four years."

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to its students. In doing so, the school takes steps to motivate young women to pursue careers in technology. The IEEE Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation established in 1973 in the State of New York exclusively to support the scientific and educational purposes of IEEE. Today it raises money, invests money, manages its investments, and supports activities of special interest to members of the engineering profession in four areas: awards, education, history, and special initiatives intended to improve the quality of life of all people throughout the world.

The mission of the IEEE Foundation is to promote a global understanding of how technology is created and impacts society. To achieve such goals, the IEEE Foundation seeks to award grants to innovative programs, preserve the history of electro-technology, nurture a lifelong appreciation of technological literacy, and recognize scientific and engineering excellence. The IEEE Foundation awards grants to projects that seek to improve the worldwide technological literacy of society from childhood through adulthood.

Expanding curricular focus through the introduction of a 1:1 wireless laptop program this past August, Peace was also able to launch the pilot year



## Peace Congratulates Grammar School V-Ball Teams

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Queen of Peace High School hosted its annual Grammar School Volleyball Tournament. Peace thanks all the teams that were involved for their time and great efforts.

of its Infinity Project this past August. With steady enrollment, increased student interest, and continued fundraising, a second year of the program will launch next school year. The IEEE Foundation grant will help defray second-year program costs.

Queen of Peace High School is a Catholic

Sinsinawa Dominican secondary school educating a diverse adolescent female population. Queen of Peace High School is committed to preparing women not only for college, but for lifelong learning by empowering intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth. Peace's



fourth. Out of the eight-team seventh grade tournament, St. Alexander took first; St. Catherine, second; St. Christina, third; St. Walter, fourth. Congratulations to all the teams.

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## Christmas is Around the World

By Marijo Doody

The spirit of travel is featured in the Christmas Around the World Holiday of Lights at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry that is currently running through January 6, 2008. The exhibit features 50 trees decorated by volunteers from Chicago's ethnic communities that reflect holiday traditions from around the globe. It certainly reminds me of some fellow travelers who had the vision to say see the world before you are called to get off!

Personally, I enjoyed trees from Italy and Ireland, my ancestry. The Creche from Italy, depicting St. Francis of Assisi views was breathing. Countries where trees stood in the display were not even there when I visited. Tito's country was one where I visited and now there is Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Past travels took me to Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Hawaii, Luxembourg, Mexico, Scotland, Switzerland, Argentina, Brazil and Wales. The majority is represented in the display.

It was lovely to see the handicraft of natives and the handiwork of the children in

Christmas ornaments in the various ethnic presentations. Many treasured traditions from around the world were seen in the trees. Traditions seen are: the Bolivian tree with Choluta dolls, the French tree with its shoes for Father Christmas, the Slovenian tree with special bread not eaten until Three Kings Day and the Ukrainian tree with the spider web which is an old legend. All the trees decorated with native dolls are seen. Thailand, Italy, France, Mexico, Greece, China and many others. Flags were a big part of decorations in the USA, Canada and some European trees.

The exhibit does feature various ethnic festivities. We heard the joyful Spanish music. I heard recently that a friend's granddaughter would be performing with a group from Orland Park in front of the trees later this month. This is the 66<sup>th</sup> year the beloved exhibit has been dazzling families and it began in 1942 as a United Nation Day salute to American allies during World War II. It is a fitting tribute to our men and women serving now in harms way.

The spirit of travel is carried through the Museum's Rotunda this season with the large train exhibit. I remember when there was one train! What kid does not like a train? The Museum's mission is to inspire the inventive genius

in everyone by presenting experiences that are real and educational. Next year MSI commemorates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Extended hours are in effect now for the exhibits. General admissions fees are \$11 adults, \$9.50 seniors and \$7 children 3-11. Parking is \$12.

## Current Worthwhile Theater

by Marijo Doody

Remy Bumppo's retold "Philadelphia Story" is a comedic period production with manners, morals and class warfare. It is a study of unexpected ways. The 1940 film starred Katherine Hepburn, James Stewart and Cary Grant.

The production is a reminder of the effectiveness of playwright Philip Barry's smart sophisticated funny insights into human behavior and the gifted Chicago pool of actors that meet the requirements in this style. At the heart of the play is Tracy Lord (Erica Elam) an unsettled divorcee. Other characters are her preppy ex-husband GK Dexter Haven (Grant Goodman) whom she still loves.

The suitor is George Kittredge (Arron Christensen) a dull businessman and moralist. Before Tracy can find happiness she must find and free herself from being a

man's goddess and to be valued for herself in her free spirit. There are numerous other characters that add to the merriment.

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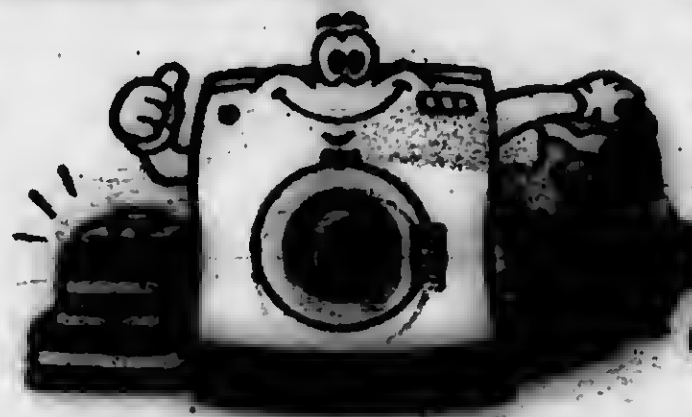
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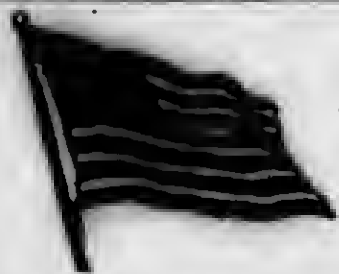
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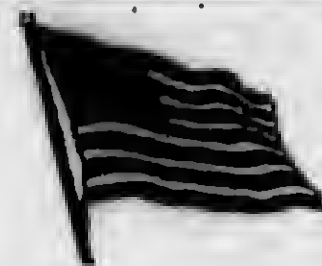
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## Tinley Park Library News

### C'mon Get Crafty: Winter Memory Books

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting C'mon Get Crafty: Winter Memory Books on Tuesday, December 4 from 7:00pm-8:15pm. Participants in grades 6-12 will get into the holiday mood by reliving their favorite winter memories. Registration begins Monday, December 3.

**Chef Jonathan Bean**  
The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Chef Jonathan Bean and his program "A Child's Christmas in Wales" on Wednesday, December 5 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. There will be a \$3.00 non-refundable tasting fee. Registration begins Monday, November 26. Please register in person.

### Arts Alive! Holiday Concert

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Arts Alive! Chorale on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00pm. Come out and get into the holiday spirit with the delightful music of this talented group. Registration begins Monday, December 3.

### Holiday Storyteller

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting the Heartland Story League on Wednesday December 12 at 7:00pm. Come out and see that stories aren't just for kids anymore. Although this program is family friendly, the focus is on adult interest. Registration begins Monday, December 3. For details, please call 708.532.0160 (patron services, press 3). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive. Our website is [www.tpllibrary.org](http://www.tpllibrary.org).

### Game Night

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting Open Game Night at Great Games on Friday, December 14 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Come out and enjoy a night of board games, food and fun with your friends. Open to Grades 6-12. Registration begins Monday, December 3.

### Dance Images Presents The Nutcracker

The Tinley Park Public



Photo from left to right: Chicago Department of Public Health Commissioner Terry Mason, M.D., and Saint Xavier University School of Nursing Interim Dean Kay Thum, Psy.D., R.N. Dr. Mason and Dean Thum met on the Saint Xavier University Campus Friday morning to discuss enhancing the collaborative agreement between the SXU School of Nursing and the City of Chicago, as well as providing educational opportunities for continuing education for nurses. Among the School of Nursing's many initiatives, it operates the Saint Xavier University Health Center, a nurse practitioner-staffed primary care facility, which accommodated 5,860 patient visits last year. More than 60 percent of patients were members from the surrounding community.

Library will be hosting Dance Images as they present The Nutcracker on Sunday, December 16. Please call for time. Participants ages 5 and up will get into the holiday mood by watching this beautiful ballet. Registration begins Monday, December 3.

**On the Spot Theatre Presents: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**  
The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting On the Spot Theatre on Thursday, December 18 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Participants in grades 6-12 are invited to come out and participate. There are no lines to memorize, no audience to be nervous in front of and no reason not to come! Registration begins Monday, December 3.

**Family Movie Night**  
The Tinley Park Public Library Youth Services will be hosting Family Movie Night on Friday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. Grab the kids and join the fun! The whole family is invited to our movie nights. Snacks will be served and no registration is required.

**Family Pajamarama**  
The Tinley Park Public Library Youth Services will be hosting Family Pajamarama on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. Children ages 2-7 and their

parents/guardians are invited to our nighttime storytime. Snacks will be served. Kids may come dressed for bedtime. No registration is required.

**Yule Ball**  
The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting a Yule Ball for teenagers in grades 6-12 on Friday, December 7, 2007 from 8:30 pm- 11:00 pm. Dance your cares away to the sounds of our DJ, provided by Rolling Sounds. Games, contests, snacks and pop will all be there as well! Remember to dress to impress. Note: Teens are expected to stay for the whole dance. Registration begins December 3.

For details, please call 708.532.0160 (youth services, press 2). The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive. Our website is [www.tpllibrary.org](http://www.tpllibrary.org).

## Oak Forest approves property annex

The city council at the Nov 27 Oak Forest City Council meeting approved two separate ordinances to annex some 53 acres of property located at 167th Street and

Cicero Avenue. This is the property that the previous Mayor Pat Gordon wanted to annex for the construction of a shopping mall. Following objections from residents in the unincorporated area, an agreement was worked out between the attorney representing the residents and the Gordon's administration for a joint marketing agreement. The agreement essentially was that the residents would not seek to annex the parcel with another municipality and the City of Oak Forest would not force the annexation. The future of the parcel then remained in limbo for several years.

Other highlights: the city council approved an ordinance for the designation of Oak Forest resident-only permit parking areas near the Arbor Park Metro station commuter parking lot as well as an ordinance designating no parking areas around the lot. An ordinance for a left turn only at 160th Street and Cicero Ave was also approved.

## Relay For Life of Oak Forest Hosts Community Kick-off Event

Organizers of Relay for Life of Oak Forest will hold a community kick-off meeting on Saturday, December 15 at 3 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Oak Forest High School, located at 151st and Central Avenue. The meeting is open to anyone interested in participating in the relay event, which will take place on Friday, June 20 at Central Park, located at 15601 S. Central Avenue.

"The kick-off meeting is a great opportunity for participants, volunteers, vendors, and sponsors to learn more about the relay," says Rhonda Ceska, the event's co-chair. "We're hoping to get a good turnout so that we can rise above our previous success."

Last year, more than 350 people participated in the 12-

hour, overnight event - raising nearly \$95,000 for cancer research, educational programs, advocacy, and patient support. While waiting their turn to walk the track, participants could participate in several activities including a hula hoop contest, musical chairs, inflatable obstacle courses, and bean bag tournament. The event was such a huge success that Relay For Life of Oak Forest was named the 2007 Illinois Rookie of the

Year by the American Cancer Society.

This holiday season, Relay for Life of Oak Forest will decorate trees outside City Hall and at Brookfield Zoo to raise awareness of the event and the fight against cancer. "Hopefully, the trees and the Christmas spirit will inspire people to get involved," explains Ceska. "We're counting on the community to help us make this event even bigger and better than last year's event."

## Smith Crossing Names Frank Guajardo as Executive Director

Frank Guajardo, 34, has joined the Smith Senior Living management team as the executive director of Smith Crossing in Orland Park, announced Michael A. Flynn, 45, chief executive officer.

Guajardo is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the 32-acre, \$65 million senior retirement community campus including supervision on-site staff of 142. He continues to ensure Smith Crossing's high standards for resident services and care for more than 187 residents.

"We are delighted to have Frank as part of our management team," says Flynn. "His impressive experience and genuine passion for service to our residents makes him an ideal member of the Smith leadership team. Smith Crossing residents tell me that they know Frank is truly interested in their lives."

Add Guajardo, "Ultimately, the job at Smith Crossing is to be of service to residents. Our staff is very dedicated and treats residents like family. Quickly, I discovered that Smith Crossing can boast a mutual admiration society between residents and staff. I look forward to leading this community as it continues to grow and thrive."

Prior to being named executive director at Smith Crossing, Guajardo was executive administrator at the Center Home for Hispanic Elderly in Chicago; he also has served as an administrator at Lemont



Center in Lemont, IL; Rockford Healthcare Center in Rockford, IL; Firwood Health Care Center in Batavia, IL.

A Naperville resident, Guajardo married Neli this summer. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University.

About Smith Crossing  
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## Moraine Valley announces open auditions for 'Barefoot in the Park'

Actors of various ethnicities, ages and backgrounds are invited to audition for a role in Moraine Valley Community College's upcoming production of "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon. Auditions will be from 6 to 10 p.m., Monday, December 10, in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Callbacks are scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, December 12.

To audition, performers must prepare a contemporary monologue. Optional cold readings from the script will be available. Roles are for actors between the ages of 18 and 60. Performances will be February 29 through March 3 and March 7 and 8, 2008. To register for an audition, call Craig Rosen, director, at (708) 974-5432 or e-mail him at

rosen@morainevalley.edu.

For more information about Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center or its 2007-08 season lineup, visit morainevalley.edu/fpac.

## Orland Park Theatre Troupe Presents "A Carol for Tiny Tim"

*Holiday Fare Features Tiny Tim Fifteen Years Later*

The Orland Park Theatre Troupe has selected a sequel to Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as its holiday show. Written by John R. Carroll, "A Carol for Tiny Tim" takes place fifteen years after Ebenezer Scrooge's miraculous transformation. This time, Jacob Marley calls on the spirits of Christmas to

intervene with the now adult Tim Cratchit.

"This is a heart warming story that builds on a holiday classic," said Executive Producer Irene Buikema, program supervisor for the village's Recreation and Parks Department.

Orland Park Theatre Troupe Resident Producer/Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow directs each of the village's shows. Alice Trull, of Bedford Park, is serving as assistant director. "The cast of young adults and children has really picked up on the 'Christmas Carol' story," Carnivele-Sidlow said. "What was really surprising was how they began using British accents at the first rehearsal," she added. "One of our older cast members who has studied voice and theater has helped refine their skills and now the entire show is performed with a British inflection," Carnivele-Sidlow said.

A number of holiday songs have been incorporated into this village production. Known for adding carolers and holiday music to her shows, Carnivele-Sidlow said, "A holiday program isn't a holiday program without music."

Orland Park's cast includes Ben Golay of Bridgeview appearing as Ebenezer Scrooge with Matt Walsh of Orland Park portraying Jacob Marley. Justin Putman of Mokena is Bob Cratchit while Louis Sidlow of Oak Forest portrays Tiny Tim as a child in the flashback scenes. Randy Trull of Bedford Park plays the adult Cratchit. The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future are being played by Alexa Keefe of Orland Park, Katie O'Sullivan of New Lenox and Michael Coppolillo of Oak Forest, respectively.

Orland Park residents appearing in the show include Natalie Bozetti, Jaclyn Coners, Jennifer Coners, Cassidy Dawczak, Kristina Egan, Jimmy Flynn, Kaitlyn Grzymek, Carol Haley, Joshua Lahey, Nicole Lahey, Samantha Lahey, Crystal Suich and Isabela Vargas.

Those from Oak Forest

also include Nathaniel Hoerger, Meghan McKenna and Sadie Vrba. Those from Mokena include Maria Welser and Josh Banjeglau, with Andrew Havens of Hickory Hills also appearing in the show.

Shows are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Performances are in the Jane Barnes Annex of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue.

Advance tickets are available at the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children. Limited tickets may be available at the door as all three performances are expected to sell out.

"Seeing Orland Park's holiday show has become an annual tradition for many families in the area," Buikema said, adding, "Orland Park's 'A Carol for Tiny Tim' will be a heart warming addition to everyone's holiday entertainment schedule."

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at (708) 403-7275.

## Pro-Life Activists Mourn the Loss of Henry Hyde

"Henry Hyde is revered by the pro-life movement for his tireless efforts to protect the innocent, defenseless life in the womb," said Joseph M. Scheidler, National Director of the Pro-Life Action League.

Cong. Hyde led the Congressional move to prohibit the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions, drafting what came to be known as the Hyde Amendment in 1976.

Scheidler said, "I have often quoted Henry's words directed to pro-life activists:"

When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen

wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us," and God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"

"Henry Hyde was a hero to the pro-life movement and a particular friend to me," said Scheidler. "During the *NOW v. Scheidler* RICO trial in 1998 Cong. Hyde testified in federal court on my behalf stating:

"He is my hero. He has the guts that I wish more of us had... Had people, feeling as does Mr. Scheidler, surrounded and even obstructed the entrance to Dachau or Auschwitz, there may have been fewer people incinerated there."

"It is a sad day for America. We have lost a truly great statesman and patriot," said Scheidler. "He is surely hearing that 'chorus of voices' right now."

## Acorn Library News

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Acorn Public Library meeting room Saturday, December 15th, 2007 from 2-4pm. Please RSVP to the Library 708+687+3700. Light refreshments served. Free - All welcome.

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### Young audiences to 'Rock' during *Schoolhouse Rock* *Live!* at Moraine Valley

The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science, and politics through clever, tuneful songs will appear live on stage at Moraine Valley Community College on Saturday, December 15, at 11 a.m. The Theater for Young Audiences musical presentation of *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* will light up the Dorothy Menker Theater stage in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.

*Schoolhouse Rock Live!* introduces a whole new generation to various characters that help a nervous school teacher, Tom, teach his students through imagination and music. The audience will enjoy such beloved *Schoolhouse Rock* songs as "Just A Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly" and "Conjunction Junction." Children just discovering the pop-culture phenomenon and "Generation X-ers" seeking a taste of nostalgia alike will delight in this sure-fire entertainment that is simply good, clean and educational fun.

*Schoolhouse Rock Live!* has received rave reviews locally, Off-Broadway and internationally since its inception in 1993. It was developed for the stage by TheatreBam Chicago, which was founded in 1992 by theater professionals, educators and alumni from

Northwestern University and the Theatre School of DePaul. Their mission is to create dynamic theater productions that attract and engage new and young audiences by creating new works, reinterpreting familiar texts, and building educational programs.

Details about this and other performances at Moraine Valley are available at [morainevalley.edu/fpac](http://morainevalley.edu/fpac).

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at

(708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

### Palos Heights Features Rec Department Open House

The Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127<sup>th</sup> St., will be hosting an open house on Sunday, December 9, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm to show off their new Circle Fitness Studio, as well as highlight winter programs and activities.

Completed in October, Circle Fitness Studio features a state-of-the-art hard wood floor, wall to wall mirrors, and is home to many new health and fitness classes, including Cardio/Strength Circuit, 4 O'Clock Fitness, Gentle Stretch Yoga, Fitness Dance, and Healthy Backs & Knees.

The Recreation Department's Open House will highlight its winter offering of programs with demonstrations and an instructor meet 'n greet session. There is no admission fee for this special event.

For more information regarding its Open House, call Palos Heights Parks & Recreation (708) 361-1807.

### Tumbling Workshop at Palos Heights

Registration is currently underway through December 17 or until all spots are filled at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127<sup>th</sup> St., for one day tumbling workshops for youth 3 through 13 years old on Thursday, December 27.

Open to beginners as well as the more advanced tumblers, the workshops are a good opportunity for children and their parents to meet the coach and experience the sport of tumbling.

The workshops for the pre-tumbling through tumbling II level classes is \$5 per resident child and \$7.50 for all others and are 45 minutes in length. The advanced tumbling and tumbling for cheerleaders workshops are \$5 per resident child and \$7.50 for all others and are one hour in length.

For more information regarding the one day tumbling workshops at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department call (708) 361-1807.

### Worth approves cable ordinances

The village board at a recent meeting approved the following three ordinances: An ordinance, which amends a title pertaining to business regulations and adding a chapter, titled Cable and Video Customer Protection Law to the municipal code.

An ordinance, which also amends a title and a chapter of the municipal code regarding a cable video service provider fee, and a peg access support fee. And an ordinance amending a title by adding an article to the municipal code, which sets standards for the construction of facilities in the rights-of-way in the village. These ordinances are necessary so as AT&T may provide cable service in the village.

Other highlights: A resolution request from the Worth Lions to sell Christmas trees on the property leased by the village from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District at 116<sup>th</sup> Street and Harlem Ave was also approved as well as a bill payment list of \$179,788.94 and the October payroll of \$294,317.96. Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Waters Edge Clubhouse on December 8th and the senior Christmas party will be held at the Garden Chalet on Ridgeland Avenue. Addition information on these events may be obtained by contacting the village hall at 448-1181.

### Palos Hills approves red light cameras

The city council approved a contract at the Nov. 15 Palos Hills City Council meeting with Lombard based RedSpeed for the installation of red light cameras. The city council discussed installing the cameras on 111<sup>th</sup> Street at either the intersection of Southwest Highway or Roberts Road. RedSpeed, however, will survey intersections in the city and determine which intersections best fit the need.

Following Chicago's lead, there have been a wave of municipalities in the Southland such as Oak Lawn, Worth, and Blue

Island who have either entered into agreements or have actually installed red light cameras this past year. A red-light violation is considered a non-moving violation due to the inability to identify the driver. The camera only takes a picture of the rear of the vehicle and the license plate.

The fine is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle and there is no court appearance required. The fine is usually about \$90, however it's up to each municipality to set the exact amount. There is a cost neutrality clause in the contract which states that the city is not liable for fees, which exceed the revenues yielded by the citations. State permits are required prior to the installation of the cameras and RedSpeed must submit reports to the state. The state also reserves the right to revoke the permits. The cameras are slated to be operational within 3 months.

### Story Tips Holiday 2007

Child proofing your home for the holidays Decorating for the holiday season is an exciting time for children. However, the addition of colorful ornaments and sparkling lights can quickly create potential safety hazards for kids. Angie, a mother of three, identifies 13 potential hazards every parent should know about.

Consider a pro to help deck the halls. Trimming the tree and decorating the home are some of the most enjoyable traditions of the holiday season, but there are many homeowners who just don't have the time to get tangled up in the lights or grapple with a ladder. In fact, Angie's List has seen a 241 percent increase in the number of requests for holiday decorators in the past five years. Angie offers the 12 do's of decorating. Shoppers say gift-cards

are appropriate. Do you find yourself running around store aisles trying to find the perfect holiday gift? Frustrated because you don't know what to buy? Many shoppers taken the guessing out of shopping by purchasing gift cards but consumers should be on the lookout for hidden fees and restrictions. Angie has advice for holiday gift givers.

Holiday safety check-list—Is your home ready to provide a safe and merry holiday for all? It doesn't take long for a live Christmas tree to become fully engulfed in flames because of sparks from overloaded electrical outlets. Whether you are responding the holidays at home or traveling to visit loved ones, Angie offers preventative measures that are critical this time of year.

### Christmas Carol Cantata sung at The Center

A Christmas Cantata of scripture read by Rev. Frank Sanders, and sacred music by The Center Singers will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m., At The Center's Wayside Chapel, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

In addition to telling the story of the birth of Jesus, the "Joy of Christmas" cantata focuses on the effect of the life of Jesus Christ on our lives today. The Center Singers are led by Penny Wills and accompanied by Joseph Schenk on the organ.

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Asha Clark  
Julien Craan  
Erin Gessert  
Jalon Jones  
Andrea Marino-Vinezeano  
Kaley O'Connor-Elgersma  
Lauren Ramsey  
Imani Sykes  
Alexander Wigsmoen  
Omerio Woods

### GRADE 2

Caroline Dwyer  
Angela Flisk  
Kathryn Gibbons  
Joelle Gillespie  
Kevin Healy  
Candice Narcisse  
Raven Smith

### GRADE 3

Kaylin Dean  
Luke Goodman  
Emma Hughes  
Tyrese Kincade  
Marc-Elie Mondesir  
Kaitlyn O'Connell

### GRADE 4

Danielle Gibbons  
Maria McCormack  
Quinn McNamara  
Yves-Edouard Mondesir  
Brandon Narcisse  
Dayanie Norris  
Christopher Ramsey

### GRADE 5

Michelle Bona  
Cassandra Goodman  
Melody Hage  
Max Hughes  
Martin Meyer  
Ryan O'Connell  
Andrew Wigsmoen

### GRADE 6

Ella Brennan  
Alexander Cheatham  
Kaitlyn Delgado  
Ryan Precely

### GRADE 7

Candice Allen  
Marcus Carter  
Kaitlyn Chavez  
Isaac Glover  
Patrick Healy  
Nina Kadich  
Sean Martyn  
Timothy McGinnis  
Chloe McSpadden

Mary Claire Moxley  
Haley O'Connell  
Mary O'Keefe  
David Saieh  
Torenzio Woods

### GRADE 8

Liam Brennan  
Christopher Cheatham  
Alexandria Cuningham  
Donzel Davis  
Kerry Dean, Jr.  
Mary McKeown  
Patrick Montag

## Richards to host 30th annual holiday charity banquet on Thurs., Dec. 13

*Children who bring a storybook to donate receive free admission*

Richards High School will host its 30th annual "Miracle on 107th Street," a holiday banquet and silent auction that raises money for several charities, on Thursday, Dec. 13.

This year, the event also honors 2001 Richards graduate Erin Ward, a kindergarten teacher in the Chicago Public Schools who perished in a car accident last year.

As a student, Ward participated actively in student council and helped organize the Miracle. Children who bring a storybook to the event will receive free admission. Those books will be donated to the Erin Ward Library at Prairie Elementary School in Chicago.

The event, which is sponsored by the student council, will be in the school cafeteria starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and younger per family and include dinner and dessert. Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Avenue in Oak Lawn.

The 'Miracle' includes a visit by Santa and performances by the jazz band and show choir. Since 1978, when student council members chose to cancel their annual holiday dance in favor of an event that better reflected the season,

Richards has sponsored the banquet that has become known as "The Miracle on 107th Street."

Proceeds benefit the food pantry at Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church in Chicago Ridge, the St. Vincent DePaul Society (food pantry) of St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, Operation Blessing, and Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS).

The event generates its revenue from ticket sales, a silent auction, and raffles. Student council members started preparing for the banquet last summer with fund raisers. During the fall semester they have solicited donations of merchandise, gift certificates, and services from area merchants. These items are used in the raffles and silent auctions.

For more information or to order tickets, contact student council faculty sponsor Sherry Fiorenza at 708-499-2550, ext. 5348.

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## PLOWS announces new officers

At a recent business meeting of PLOWS Council on Aging the following new officers were announced for serving a one year term. President—Dick O'Neill, Vice President—Joe marks, Secretary—Rosalie Thompson, Treasurer—Dorothy Goushas. Election for board members for a two year term are Rev. Dr. Wayne Basch, Rita Daemicke, Ann Dykstra, Mary Gels and Virginia Wrobel. Other

board members are not up for re-election at this time. Following the business meeting a presentation was given on resources and assistive devices for the visually impaired by the PLOWS board member Kim Kuster. Kim is Executive Director of The Oasis for the Visually Impaired. In addition volunteers were honored from last years' service at the day's celebration.

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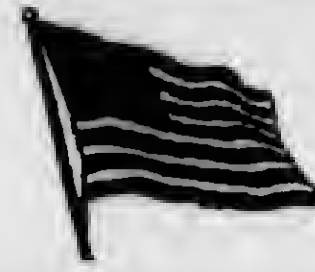
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## Blue Island Event a Success

Blue Island rowing event along the Cal-Sag was a success

Mayor Donald Peloguin announced at the Nov 13. Blue Island City Council Meeting the Southland Regatta Rowing event, which took place on November 4 along the Cal-Sag canal at Fay's Point, was a success. The main goal of this event was to have a smooth running event that would draw universities back next year.

The event was not only positive for the City of Blue Island but for the Chicago Southland. Helping to make the Regatta a success were the following organizations. The Chicago Rowing Center; Fay's Point; Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau; Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; Cook County Forest Preserve; US Rowing; Calumet Park; Alsip; Posen; Pronger Smith Clinic; Temulac Boat Club; Columbia Yacht Club; Sunset Bay Marina; Marine Services Corporation; Henderson and Bodwell; E.B. Bronson; Beggars Pizza; Decker Bros Marine Construction; Unicord; George J. Roll and Sons; Graphic Image Corp; Steven C. Peterson Design; Robinson Engineering; Great Northern Lumber; Aqua Water; Ultra Foods as well as many other supporters.

The city congratulated Wisconsin for winning the varsity trophy. Seven top ten universities participated in the event which drew as many as 50 boats and 5 of the universities have sent e-mails to the city requesting that the Big Ten tournament be held here again next year. The Chicago Metropolitan

Agency for Planning also approved phase 1, which is the engineering phase, for \$680,000 for a walking path along the river from Alsip to Burnham.

## Local Fire Departments get grants

The US Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded \$790,764 in Assistants to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to the following local fire department and emergency medical services organizations in Illinois.

**Blue Island Fire Department** (Blue Island) for Vehicle Acquisition-\$247,500, **Lemont Fire Protection District** (Lemont) for Operation and Safety-\$46,620 and **Northwest Homer Fire Protection Department and Ambulance Service District** (Lockport) for Operations and Safety-\$31,482.

AFG awards aim to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable fire departments and emergency medical services to purchase equipment or receive training and to conduct first responder health and safety programs.

## Senior Lunch

All seniors are invited to the Village of Midlothian's festive Christmas Senior Luncheon on Friday, December 14, 2007, at Raday Lodge, 145th and Kedzie, in Midlothian. Doors open at 10 AM and lunch is served at

11 AM. Lunch includes entrée, beverage, dessert, and a chance to win the table centerpiece. Holiday entertainment and bingo follow lunch for a fun-filled afternoon. Tickets are \$7 and can be obtained at Village Hall, 14801 Pulaski, Midlothian, and are required in advance. For further information, please call 389-0200 or 389-1080.

## Swallow Cliff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be holding a holiday luncheon meeting on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. at Double Tree

Hotel located at 5000 W. 127th Street, Alsip, Illinois.

The program for this meeting will be "The Singing Men of Note - Barbershop Quartet". There will also be a silent auction. The cost of the luncheon will be \$20.00.

Prospective members are welcome. Call (708) 479-7101 for more information or reservations.

## Alsip Park District Youth Athletic Leagues

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- Sportsmanship and Fair Play is Encouraged
- Practice begins the week of January 7, 2008
- Games begin January 19, 2008
- Program cost for Alsip Residents = \$70.00
- Program cost for non-Alsip Residents = \$80.00

Activity#	Division	Game/Time
174066-A	4-5 year old	Sat. /10-1pm
174067-A	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Sat. /1-4pm
174077-A	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sat. /1-4pm
174068-A	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sat. /11-1pm
174069-A	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sat. /9-11am

### Coaches Meeting Dates & Times

Tuesday December 11, 2007 @ 6:00pm  
Saturday December 22, 2007 @ 9:00am  
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Activity #	Division	Game/Time
174003-A	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Sat. /8:30-10
174003-B	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sat. /10-1pm
174003-C	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sat. /8:30-10
174003-D	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sat. /12-2pm
174003-E	High School	Sun. /9-3pm

### Coaches Meeting Dates & Times

Wednesday December 5, 2007 @ 6:00pm  
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## Orland Park Theatre Troupe Presents "A Carol for Tiny Tim"

*Holiday Fare Features Tiny Tim Fifteen Years Later*

The Orland Park Theatre Troupe has selected a sequel to Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as its holiday show. Written by John R. Carroll, "A Carol for Tiny Tim" takes place fifteen years after Ebenezer Scrooge's miraculous transformation. This time, Jacob Marley calls on the spirits of Christmas to

intervene with the now adult Tim Cratchit.

"This is a heart warming story that builds on a holiday classic," said Executive Producer Irene Buikema, program supervisor for the village's Recreation and Parks Department.

Orland Park Theatre Troupe Resident Producer/Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow directs each of the village's shows. Alice Trull, of Bedford Park, is serving as assistant director. "The cast of young adults and children has really picked up on the 'Christmas Carol' story," Carnivele-Sidlow said. "What was really surprising was how they began using British accents at the first rehearsal," she added. "One of our older cast members who has studied voice and theater has helped refine their skills and now the entire show is performed with a British inflection," Carnivele-Sidlow said.

A number of holiday songs have been incorporated into this village production. Known for adding carolers and holiday music to her shows, Carnivele-Sidlow said, "A holiday program isn't a holiday program without music."

Orland Park's cast includes Ben Golay of Bridgeview appearing as Ebenezer Scrooge with Matt Walsh of Orland Park portraying Jacob Marley. Justin Putman of Mokena is Bob Cratchit while Louis Sidlow of Oak Forest portrays Tiny Tim as a child in the flashback scenes. Randy Trull of Bedford Park plays the adult Cratchit. The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future are being played by Alexa Keefe of Orland Park, Katie O'Sullivan of New Lenox and Michael Coppelillo of Oak Forest, respectively.

Orland Park residents appearing in the show include Natalie Bozetti, Jaclyn Coners, Jennifer Coners, Cassidy Dawczak, Kristina Egan, Jimmy Flynn, Kaitlyn Grzymek, Carol Haley, Joshua Lahey, Nicole Lahey, Samantha Lahey, Crystal Suich and Isabela Vargas.

Those from Oak Forest

also include Nathaniel Hoerger, Meghan McKenna and Sadie Vrba. Those from Mokena include Maria Welser and Josh Banjeglau, with Andrew Havens of Hickory Hills also appearing in the show.

Shows are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Performances are in the Jane Barnes Annex of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue.

Advance tickets are available at the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children. Limited tickets may be available at the door as all three performances are expected to sell out.

"Seeing Orland Park's holiday show has become an annual tradition for many families in the area," Buikema said, adding, "Orland Park's 'A Carol for Tiny Tim' will be a heart warming addition to everyone's holiday entertainment schedule."

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at (708) 403-7275.

## Pro-Life Activists Mourn the Loss of Henry Hyde

"Henry Hyde is revered by the pro-life movement for his tireless efforts to protect the innocent, defenseless life in the womb," said Joseph M. Scheidler, National Director of the Pro-Life Action League.

Cong. Hyde led the Congressional move to prohibit the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions, drafting what came to be known as the Hyde Amendment in 1976.

Scheidler said, "I have often quoted Henry's words directed to pro-life activists."

When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen

wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us," and God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"

"Henry Hyde was a hero to the pro-life movement and a particular friend to me," said Scheidler. "During the *NOW v. Scheidler* RICO trial in 1998 Cong. Hyde testified in federal court on my behalf stating:

*"He is my hero. He has the guts that I wish more of us had... Had people, feeling as does Mr. Scheidler, surrounded and even obstructed the entrance to Dachau or Auschwitz, there may have been fewer people incinerated there."*

"It is a sad day for America. We have lost a truly great statesman and patriot," said Scheidler. "He is surely hearing that 'chorus of voices' right now."

## Acorn Library News

Annual Christmas Musi-  
cale & Open House  
The air is getting colder

The Holidays are near A time for celebration With friends we hold so dear!

Please join our library family for our annual Christmas Musi-cale and Open House. Our musical entertainment will be provided by local resident and nationally known ragtime pianist, Sue Keller and superb soprano Bev Opelka. Santa may even be able to stop by for a short visit for some picture taking. Retired professional photographer, Mr. Van Westrop will take some Christmas portraits for attendees/families as our Christmas gift to you. So come join us for fun, food and musical festivities!

Acorn Public Library meeting room Saturday, December 15th, 2007 from 2-4pm. Please RSVP to the Library 708+687+3700. Light refreshments served. Free - All welcome.

Gingerbread House

Building Demonstration With "El Chef" Michael R. Niksic

Gingerbread House Grand Prize Lottery Find out the great building secrets for putting together your own Christmas Gin-gerbread House masterpiece! Easy to learn ideas, methods, recipes, sources for supplies, handling instructions and much more. Assorted styles of gingerbread houses will be on display some including miniature lighting and one-of-a-kind figures. Come join the holiday creating with music, refreshments, prizes and lots of laughter. And one lucky patron will take home the grand prize of a free ginger-bread house at the end of the festivities!

At the Acorn Public Library Meeting Room Saturday, December 8th, 2007 11:00am. Advance registration required. Free - All welcome.

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From left, (standing) officers from the Leo Club at Richards High School Secretary Emma Newman, President Erika Flores, Vice President Becca Calvillo, and Treasurer Lindsay McCool appear with (seated) club sponsor Len Pearson with the Red Wagon.

### 'Red Wagon' always active at Richards

Many food drives operate only around the holidays. Len Pearson understood, however, that hunger doesn't take vacations.

Pearson, who founded the first Leo Club in Illinois in 1969 at Richards High School and still sponsors the organization today, received a phone call about six years ago from a family in need. Officials from Worth Township contacted Pearson to see if the Richards organization might find a way to help.

The phone call inspired an idea: Rather than wait for Thanksgiving or other holidays, Leo Club, the high school affiliate of Lions Clubs International, should sponsor a food drive that operates continuously. Thus, the Red Wagon food drive was born.

Residing in the Activities Office at Richards, the Red Wagon serves as a collecting point for a food drive that functions throughout the school year. When the wagon fills, Pearson takes the food to the Worth Township offices.

Pearson has been a

member of the Oak Lawn Lions Club for decades. A graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, Pearson served in the military during World War II and the Vietnam War. He is a resident of Oak Lawn.

### Evergreen Park approves rezoning ordinance

The village board approved an ordinance at the Dec. 3, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting for the rezoning of the property at 9520-28 South Troy Avenue from "B" multifamily residential district to "C" commercial district, upon abiding to the following conditions. First Equity Group, LLC the developer shall not permit the structures on the property to be vacant for more than 14 days. FEG shall either keep renters in the structures or demolish any structure within fourteen days after it becomes vacant. FEG shall also demolish the Panos Tavern property at the corner of 95th Street and Kedzie Avenue and any adjoining commercial stores on 95th

Street on or before May 1, 2008. If possible, FEG shall demolish portions of those structures to allow existing tenants to remain, provided that the integrity of the structures are structurally sound.

Other highlights: Dennis Day from Little Company of Mary Hospital presented the board a check in the amount of \$5,000 for the Meals on Wheels program. Visits from Santa to resident's homes began on December 7. Residents may call the Recreation Department at 229-3373 to schedule a visit. The month of December was proclaimed National Drunken and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

### The Old Farmer's Almanac Announces the First-Ever New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll via Almanac.com

*Winning candidates will win lunch (and breakfast and dinner...) for an elephant or donkey*

The Old Farmer's Almanac has announced plans for the first-ever New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll. Polls open at Almanac.com/strawpoll on January 1 and close at 1 p.m. Eastern Time on January 7—the day before the first presidential primary in the country, which takes place in the Almanac's home state of New Hampshire. Candidates will include all of the major contenders in both the Republican and Democratic parties. The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll is open to everyone in the United States regardless of age or state residency.

One winner from both the Republican and Democratic parties will be selected. Not

only will the winning candidates be able to bask in the glory of their victory, but each will also have the following donations made by The Old Farmer's Almanac in their names:

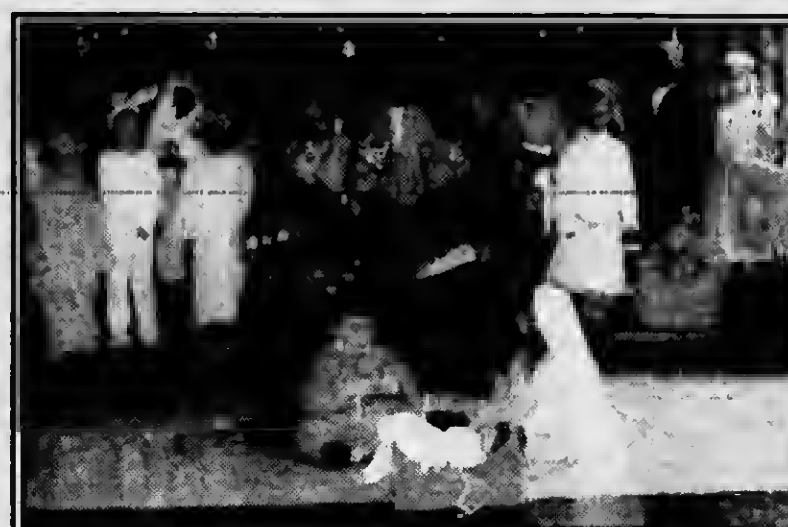
- A day's worth of meals (snacks included!) for a donkey or an elephant (depending on the candidate's party). The lucky animals (who have yet to be chosen!) respectively reside at Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue in Tehachapi, California

- (www.donkeyrescue.org), and The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee (www.elephants.com).

- A copy of The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids, Volume 2, for every child at an elementary school of the candidate's choosing or one in the town they now call home.

"Few things are more American than The Old Farmer's Almanac," says John Pierce, publisher. "We've been around since 1792—since George Washington was in office—and have seen and commented on this great country for over two centuries. Now we're throwing our hat into the polling ring to take the pulse of the American people." The results of The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll will be announced on the afternoon of January 8. Candidates will be notified directly. Animals will be fed and children will learn that bats don't swoop and how to throw a forkball soon after.

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### The Christmas Story

Evergreen Park: The first grade and kindergarten students of St. Bernadette School performed "The Christmas Story" for families and friends was on December 12 at the school.

### "The Best of DANCE CHICAGO" Returns To Orland Park

*Village Arts Commission Brings Downtown Show to Sandburg's Performing Arts Center*

World-renowned genres performing on January 26," said Orland Park Arts Commissioner Colleen Panega, who is again coordinating the village's dance event. "This is a magnificent collection that will appeal to all ages, from the very young on up to our seniors," she added.

A dance veteran, Panega has taught and performed all types of dance for more than twenty years. She has been teaching dance for the village's Recreation and Parks Department since 1991.

"Students in Carl Sandburg High School's dance group, Orchestris, will share the stage with talent from throughout the world," she noted.

Reserved seating tickets are available at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors/ students. The Cashier's Office at the Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park at 708/403-6140.

Schmitz, who serves as artistic director and curator for "Dance Chicago," explained, "With each show, we tailor it for what the audience enjoys." Schmitz added, "This is a completely different show than what we presented last year," noting that the Orland Park show will feature a range of genres. "We are very fortunate to have a number of different



## Lipinski Denounces Illegal Japanese Whaling

*Calls on President to  
Condemn Japan's Actions  
and Seek End to All Future  
Hunts*

Recently, Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) sent a letter to President Bush requesting his public condemnation of Japan for disregarding an international ban and allowing the killing of over 1,000 whales, many of them endangered. The letter, signed by 76 Members of the House of Representatives, also calls for an end to all future hunts and expresses support for trade restrictions on Japan that would help conserve whales.

"I am deeply troubled by Japan's complete disregard of an international ban on whale hunts that has protected whales since the 1940's," stated Lipinski. "The Bush Administration should take a firm stance against Japan's actions by pursuing appropriate diplomatic, economic, and trade measures to ensure that international protections for whales are not undermined, but strengthened. We must continue to protect these fragile creatures that are being threatened by human activity."

On November 19, a fleet of Japanese whalers set sail from the port of Shimonoseki with plans to kill over 1,000 whales, including the Minke Whale and the endangered Humpback and Fin Whales. Although an international moratorium against commercial whaling has been in effect since 1986, Japan has circumvented this international treaty, killing nearly 11,000 whales for commercial purposes under the guise of "scientific

research."

"My very first venture into political activism occurred when I was 9 years old and I collected signatures on a petition to the Japanese government protesting the killing of dolphins by tuna fishers," stated Lipinski. "Now, over 30 years later, I continue to work to protect our environment and its inhabitants because it is critically important that we conserve the planet for future generations."

In addition to this effort, Rep. Lipinski has been committed to animal welfare issues in the 110th Congress, including efforts to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting and the use of dog and cat fur products. As a member of the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus, he is a cosponsor of legislation to protect rare cats and dogs, to prohibit aerial hunting of wildlife, to restore healthy populations of salmon and steelhead in the Pacific Northwest, and to permanently protect the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, while also supporting efforts to prevent the importation of polar bear trophies.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As an Oak Lawn resident safety in our neighborhood is important. I applaud efforts by the village to keep our community safe. However, many parts of the property ordinance the board is considering is unnecessary and does not address the health and safety of our community.

All residential and commercial properties in Oak Lawn will be affected by this proposal. Residential property owners who

exercise their right to lease, or a property owner who vacates their home for the purpose of selling it or temporarily moving away for vacation or job reasons will be even more affected by this proposal.

All properties will be subject to new regulations in regards to minimum size of address numbers and what type of screens a home can have on their windows. If you exercise your right to lease your property or even a room in your home the village will be regulating your thermostat and will tell you at what temperature you should heat your home.

In a country where we value our rights and freedoms some of the more troubling aspects of the ordinance relate to the village possibly denying your right to sell your property, failing to recognize your consent to enter your property, or denying the right of tenants to occupy a property because of a village inspector's report or lack thereof. Charging productive citizens who have always paid their fair share in taxes large and repetitive fees even when they have never had a complaint filed against them is troubling to say the least.

No one would defend a bad landlord but even a \$50,000 dollar fine per day is large enough to scare even the most responsible prospective buyer of your property.

Andy Rabadi  
Oak Lawn, IL 708-533-8888

## Casting Call: Thoroughly Modern Millie

Auditions to be held in Oak Lawn.

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its March production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Auditions will be held Sunday, January 6th at 1 p.m. and Monday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m. Auditions are open to those ages 15 and older. Come in proper attire and be prepared to sing and dance. Auditions will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street. *Thoroughly Modern Millie* will run for two consecutive weekends, March 7-9 and March 14-16.

Production staff includes:  
Producer: Mike Knezz  
Director/Choreographer:

Tom Fagan

Assistant Choreographer:  
Erin Kennealy

Assistant Director: Josie Nirchi

Musical Director: Greg Owens

Conductor: Bill Hansen

Lighting and Set Design:

Gil Oliva  
Tickets for the March production are available at the Oak View Center. Prices are \$19 for adult and \$18 for seniors and children. For more information on auditions or the production, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

## Simbang Gabi 2007

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent evening masses to help the Filipino-American and other Catholics in the area to intensify their spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

Let us prepare our hearts for the Coming of our Savior. The nine host parishes in the Southwest area are as follows: St. Fabian Bridgeview (Dec 18 at 7pm), St. Emeric Country Club Hills (Dec 19 at 7pm), St. Julie Billiart Tinley Park (Dec 20 at 7pm), St. Bede on Kosner Chicago (Dec 21 at 7pm), St. Laurence O'Toole Matteson (Dec 22 at 5pm) and the concluding liturgy is St. Dennis S. St. Louis Chicago Dec 23 at 7pm.

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Richards High School students recently inducted into National Honor Society included (row one) Peter Danos, Chrisina Rook, (row two) Ben Szafoni, Katie O'Dekirk, Ashley Tenerelli, Danielle Dace, Mary McMillin, (row three) Carly Immodrino, Annie Paolisso, Jim Nowak, Jenn Hamilton, Chau Truong, (row four) Calie O'Toole, (row five) Lindsay McCool, Ewa Ryzewska, Prya Patel, Deania Macak, Becca Calvillo, (row six) Lanita Warner, Clare Smith, Mary Kennedy, Molly Reppen, Kate Brett, (row seven) James Wallace, Meredith Skala, Emily Larson, Emma Newman, (row eight) Victor Ojeda, Daphne Vargas, Sam Murphy, Pat Rylko, Lindsay Skala, Claire Sereiko, Firras Al-Taher, Kyle Renken, and (row nine) NHS officers Lauren Holtz, Elizabeth Betsanes, Eileen Kennedy, Molly Ruthenberg, and Mike Dvoracek.

## Richards inducts students into National Honor Society

Richards High School in Oak Lawn recently inducted a new group of students into its chapter of National Honor Society for the 2007-2008 school year.

Criteria for National Honor Society membership include a grade point average of at least 3.2/4.0 and participation in at least four extracurricular activities (five if the student is a senior.) Students cannot receive academic credit or compensation for the activities. To remain in NHS they must continue membership in school activities as well as participate in NHS service projects.

Students inducted include: Firras Al-Taher, Kate Brett, Becca Calvillo, Danielle Dace, Peter Danos, Jenn Hamilton, Carly Immodrino, Mary Kennedy, Emily Larson, Deania Macak, Lindsay McCool, Mary McMillin, Sam Murphy, Emma Newman, Jim Nowak, Victor Ojeda, Molly Reppen, Katie O'Dekirk, Calie O'Toole, Annie Paolisso, Prya Patel, Kyle Renken, Chrisina Rook, Pat Rylko, Ewa Ryzewska, Lindsay Skala, Meredith Skala, Claire Sereiko, Clare Smith, Ben Szafoni, Ashley Tenerelli, Cau Truong, Daphne Vargas, James Wallace, and Lanita Warner.

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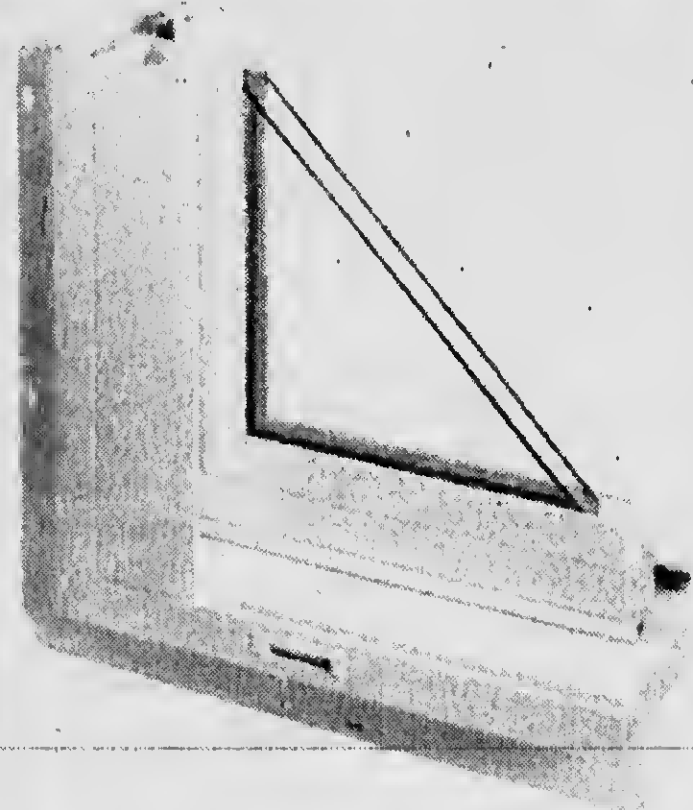
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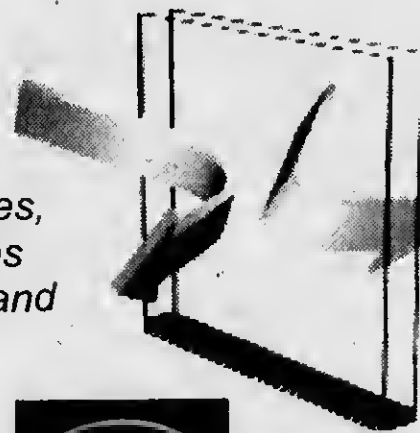
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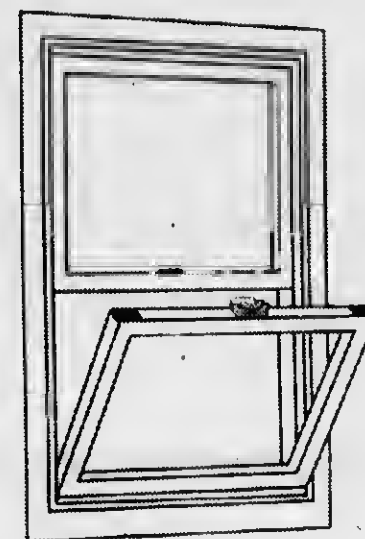


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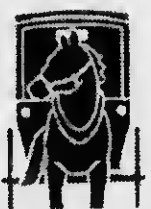
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"These students personify excellence," said ISAC Executive Director Andrew Davis. "Illinois State Scholars are among the best and the brightest in our state's high schools. We salute them in reaching for the stars."

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## Holy Family Church

*Chicago's Second Oldest - to Celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
**Sunday December 30, 2007,**  
 with "Feast of the Holy Family" Liturgy Presided by Cardinal George, Dedication of New Pastoral Center, Day-Long Open House, Pre-Chicago Fire Souvenirs

Historic Holy Family Church, 1080 West Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, that escaped the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, threatened demolition in 1990 and a near disastrous fire in 2003, will mark its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a day-long celebration and open house Sunday, December 30, 2007, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., archbishop of Chicago, whose paternal grandmother, Mary Connelly George, was baptized in 1870 at Holy Family and was a member of the parish for nearly three decades, will preside at a Solemn liturgy at 9:45 a.m. to mark the Sesquicentennial of the Holy Family parish, according to Rev. Jeremiah J. Boland, parish administrator.

"We invite all Chicago to join with Holy Family's active parish community on this special day in its long history of serving the people of the city."

"We urge anyone who has a link with Chicago's first Jesuit church—through baptisms, marriages, education in its network of schools, or a relative's funeral—to return on this special Feast of the Holy Family to receive a family blessing," said Father Boland. He invited all who come to bring photographs, school records, diplomas, Mass cards, calendars or other mementos of their family's days in the parish to share with others and then retain for themselves.

During the day-long celebration, visitors will have an opportunity to place their name and the names of their relatives in a Historic Parish Register that will be retained for future special occasions.

Visitors and parishioners are invited to nominate items symbolic of the parish's 150 years of service to the people of Chicago to be placed in a time capsule that will be installed later in the Sesquicentennial period of 2007-2010 and opened when Holy Family celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2057-2060.

Holy Family's spirited Gospel Choir under the direction of professor Sam Parker will participate in the Anniversary Mass.

Following the 9:45 a.m. liturgy there will be an Open House with tours of the church led by volunteer docents and a brunch will be served in the Chicago Room of the adjacent historic St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 West Roosevelt Rd., one of the original schools founded by Father Damen. A heroic-size statue of the Jesuit priest, pastor and college president, stands in the school's front yard overlooking Roosevelt Road.

Parking lots will be open at Roosevelt Road west of May

Street and on May Street north of Roosevelt Road.

Other highlights of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event will be:

**Dedication of New Parish Center** Cardinal George will dedicate the new Parish Center which adjoins the historic church (see details below).

**Original slate roof tiles** dating to 1859 that covered Holy Family Church until 1991 when a massive restoration project was launched will be on display. The pre-Chicago Fire slate tiles, which protected the massive structure whose interior was designed by John Mills Van Osdel, Chicago's first registered architect, for 130 years, were recently uncovered in a little used basement cellar and have been prepared as mementos of the Sesquicentennial with an authentication of their historic heritage. The slates are available for a donation of \$50 each.

**A large restored historic processional banner** dating to 1861 that was carried through near west side streets in parish processions to celebrate major feast days will be displayed. The rare piece is scheduled to be on loan in the Chicago History Museum for an exhibit

on "Catholic Chicago" in early, 2008.

**Holy Family's Hidden treasures exhibition** consisting of long forgotten chalices, gold monstrances, processional candlesticks, crowns for Virgin Mary statues and church vestments brought from Paris in 1863 will be on display. The rare collection of ancient church properties were discovered in 2002 when Father Boland, then newly appointed parish administrator, hired a safe cracker to drill into a sealed vault in the church's sacristy to discover its contents.

**Hand-carved gilded wooden angel statues**, created by Charles Olivier-Dauphin in Montréal in 1870. This important group of angels represents the largest collection of Dauphin's work anywhere in the world. Much of the Canadian artist's work has been destroyed in church fires or by demolition. The orchestra of intricately crafted angels is scheduled to be returned atop the massive 1870 organ case built by Mitchell & Sons of Montréal as soon as funds become available for necessary restoration work.

**Rice Frobenius organ**, a massive 50-year old pipe organ

brought to Chicago last year from St. Maria Church, Helsingor, Denmark and installed in Holy Family last year will be played during the Open House. Originally built by Theodore Frobenius, a Danish organ-builder, the instrument is named in his honor and in recognition of an acquisition grant by the Rice Foundation.

The 29-rank instrument built in the tradition of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Baroque composer and performer, Diderik Buxtehude, the instrument was acquired with the assistance of the Rice Foundation and the Hooper Foundation which provided funds for the transportation, restoration and installation of the organ. Keith Hooper, of the Hooper Foundation, a Chicago musician, collector of historical musical instruments and a philanthropist, has been most helpful to Holy Family and its musical program, said Father Boland.

Holy Family Today—Serving a Growing, Diverse Community's Needs

"Holy Family reflects the rebirth of the near west side of the city. Our congregation represents a wide range of ethnic, racial and economic groups—whites, blacks,

Latinos and Asians—drawn from the near west side community and the entire Chicago metropolitan area," Father Boland said.

The parish continues to expand its community outreach with a food pantry, links to the West Side job training and skills center and youth and parish ministry programs, he explained.

"Symbolic of the parish's rebirth, we're delighted that Cardinal George will dedicate Holy Family's new Parish Center, a beautiful structure designed and constructed with the assistance of St. Ignatius College Prep and the

Archdiocese of Chicago to compliment the 1857 design of the historic church," he said.

The new Parish Center adjoins the west wall of Holy Family Church and provides handicap access to the first floor and Damen Hall in the church basement. The new facility has conference rooms for parish meetings, a bride's room and offices for the pastor and staff.

A rotating gallery of historic photos of generations of Chicagoans who participated in the life of Holy Family over 15 decades is a principal feature of the new Parish Center.

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Dear Readers,

Recently I got a surprise phone call from a cousin I haven't heard from in a long time. Our conversation lasted a whopping four hours! During that time we shared some memorable moments — some funny, others tearful and I learned we have something in common - we are both writer's by heart.

Since we are now in the Christmas season and it's a time for giving I wanted to give my cousin a chance to share a special memory of her mother, Marella Hoffman.

Enjoy Carol's story. It is written from the heart, with much love.

### FOND MEMORIES

By: Carol Kleinmark

She always felt bad that she wasn't able to place something with more substance before them. They on the other hand wondered why they were being treated like royalty. The three block hike in the blustery cold Chicago winds cleared the nostrils. Upon opening the backdoor the spicy aroma alone was a heavenly reward. To come home for school lunch break and find warm homemade cinnamon coffeecake; a glass of milk or a warm mug of "Ovaltine" made our world a happier place. No leftovers, no peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. No hot water soup with a golden nugget dropped into it to make you think you were eating chicken soup. We were special and we knew it!

Many years passed before they realized that those scrumptious cakes appeared when the cash flow wasn't flowing. There had been no overtime pay in his truck driver's paycheck over the last few weeks. Perhaps the Catholic school tuition was due. Or maybe a relatives bridal shower and wedding gift had put a strain on the purse strings.

One and only one credit card was ever held in their possession. Believe you me when I say, "It was a REAL EMERGENCY when that credit card was removed from its hidden spot and used."

That's when they were treated like queens and kings and the cakes appeared.

She is 83 years old at the present. Although she doesn't cook any longer, she still makes a mean batch of chocolate chip cookies. And, every now and then on a biting cold day she will throw together a yummy pot of vegetable soup. The days of warm homemade cinnamon coffeecake are long gone. But, let me assure you, those memorable days will never be forgotten.

Thanks Mama,

Your two queens and a king

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Mother is the one we count on for the things that matter most of all. (Katherine Butler Hathaway.)

## The Harnew Elementary School students to kick off energy saving Light Bulb Sale

Students at The Harnew Elementary School will gather on Wednesday, December 19th for a presentation on energy conservation and efficiency to launch their "The Lights for Learning" fundraiser. The presentation is part of the, The Harnew Elementary School Energy Show. The Lights for Learning Program, funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and ComEd and administered by the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, allows the students to sell Energy Star- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs at a discounted price to their friends and families. The program focuses on educating students on the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation.

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The one-hour classes meet one day a week for 12 weeks Monday through Thursday or on Saturdays. Sessions run Jan. 28 through April 14, with no classes on Thursday, March 20 and Saturday, March 22 due to the Easter holiday. Those dates will be made up on April 24 and 26.

Registration will be from Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 14 through Jan. 28 at the Merwick Academy, located in The United Methodist Church of Mount Greenwood, 11000 S. St. Louis Ave., Chicago.

Elementary classes focus on reading, math, language arts and writing, study skills, introductory Spanish, and Catholic high school test preparation. High school classes focus on history, literature, Spanish, biology, chemistry, geometry, algebra

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The college's nominees will be submitted to the recognition program sponsored by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.

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forms also can be obtained in Moraine Valley's College and Community Relations Office in Building D, Room 106, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-5375. Nominations must be submitted to the above address by Friday, February 8.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at [crotty@morainevalley.edu](mailto:crotty@morainevalley.edu).

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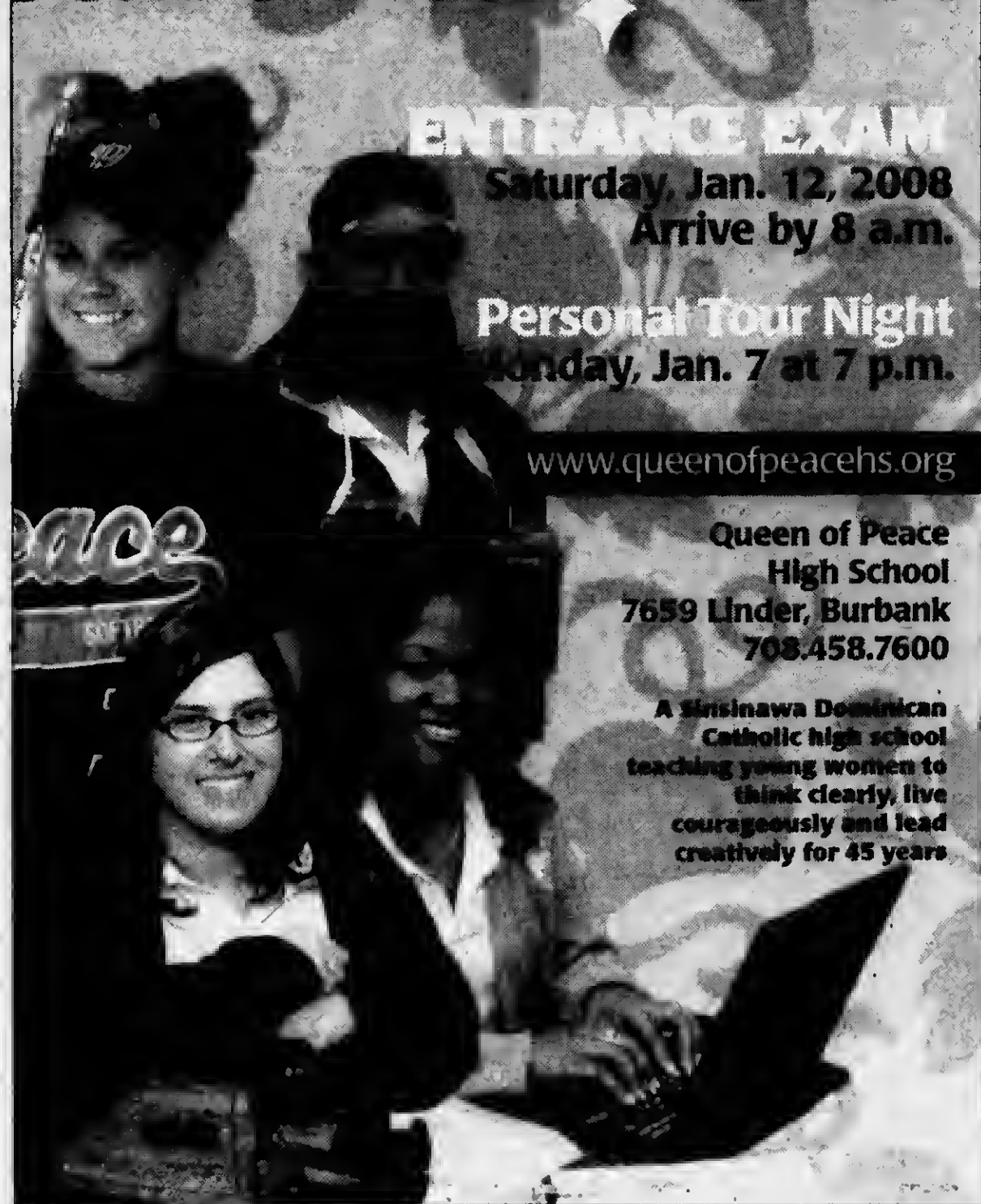
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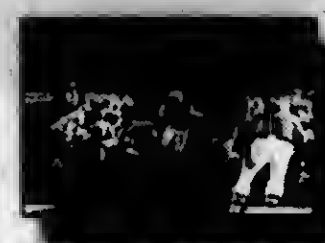
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The Chicago Sinfonietta, the official orchestra of Joffrey Ballet under the direction of Dr. Leslie B. Dunner, will accompany dancers. Scenic design is by Oliver Smith, lighting by Thomas Skelton and a giant puppet designed by Kermit Love.

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The performance schedule is as follows: Wed (12),

Fri (14), Sat (15) at 7pm, [15, 16] 2pm (Sat, Sun), Thurs (20) 2 and 7pm, Dec 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 at 7pm, Dec 22, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 30 at 2pm. Tickets are \$25-\$125. Purchase at the box office Auditorium Theatre or Ticketmaster centers, 312-902-1500 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Please note: the Auditorium Theatre does not allow children under the age of five years of age.

## Dance Center News

In the second half of the season The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago puts the spotlight on today's most active innovative women choreographers in the 34<sup>th</sup> season. among. The companies performing will be those of Susan Marshall, Jawole Zollar, (partnering with Sengal's Germaine Acogny) and Karole Armitage, as well as Chicago artists Margi Cole and Dance Center Founder Shirley Mordine.

Subscriptions and single tickets are available through the Columbia Ticket Center, 33 E Congress Pkwy, Suite 610, 312-344-6600.

The Dance Center's Family Dance Matinee Series continues for its ninth season, featuring special one-hour-family-oriented performances preceded by

free parent/child movement worksh-ops with artists. Remaining this season are The Dance COLlect-ive (Feb. 23, 2008), Urb-an Bush Woman/ Campa-gnie JANTBI (March 8) and Mordine & Company Dance Theater (March 15).

To facilitate meaningful dialogue with Chicago audiences and artists, many of the season's artists will participate in Dance Masters, community master classes presented by The Dance Center's Community Outreach and Education office. It is in collaboration with the Lou Conte Dance Studio at the Hubbard Street Dance Center, Links Hall and The Museum of Contemporary Art. Classes are for intermediary or higher levels.

## Worthwhile Theatre in January

by Marijo Doody

Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour comes to the Chicago area at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont January 23-27 and The Chicago United Center Feb 1-10.

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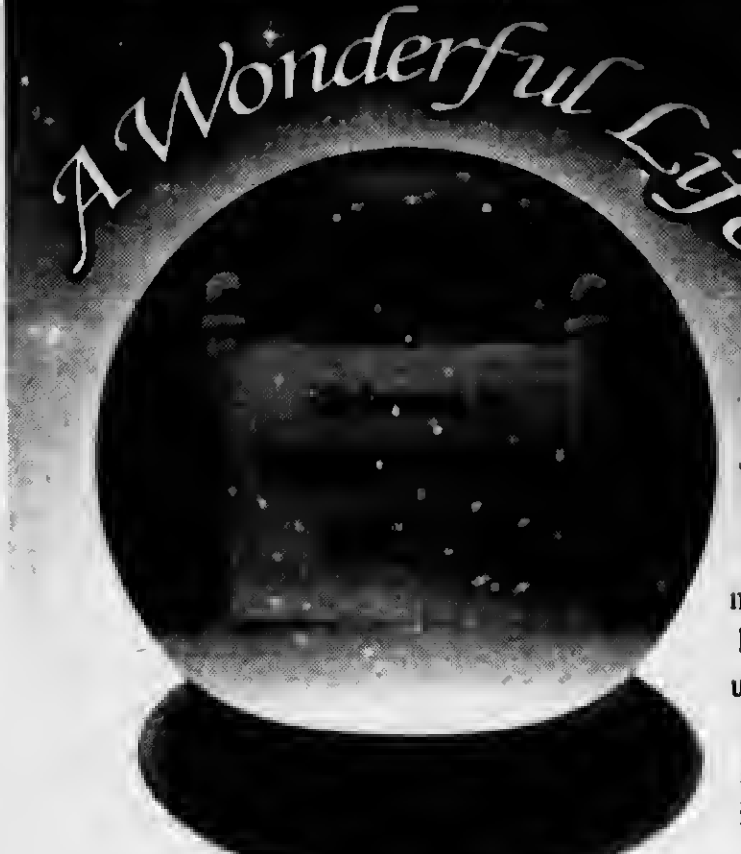
High School Musical has been a smash hit where ever and the Ice Tour stars cast of world class skaters portraying East High characters. The production is produced by Kenny Ortega an Em-my Award winner and numerous Olympia skate-rs including Canadian Gold Medallist Jamie Sale and David Pellitier, Christopher Dean, Robin Cousins and Cindy Stuart (skating Choreographer) are skating.

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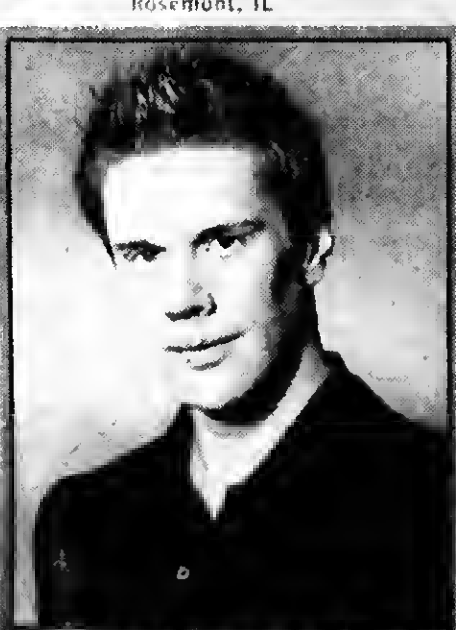
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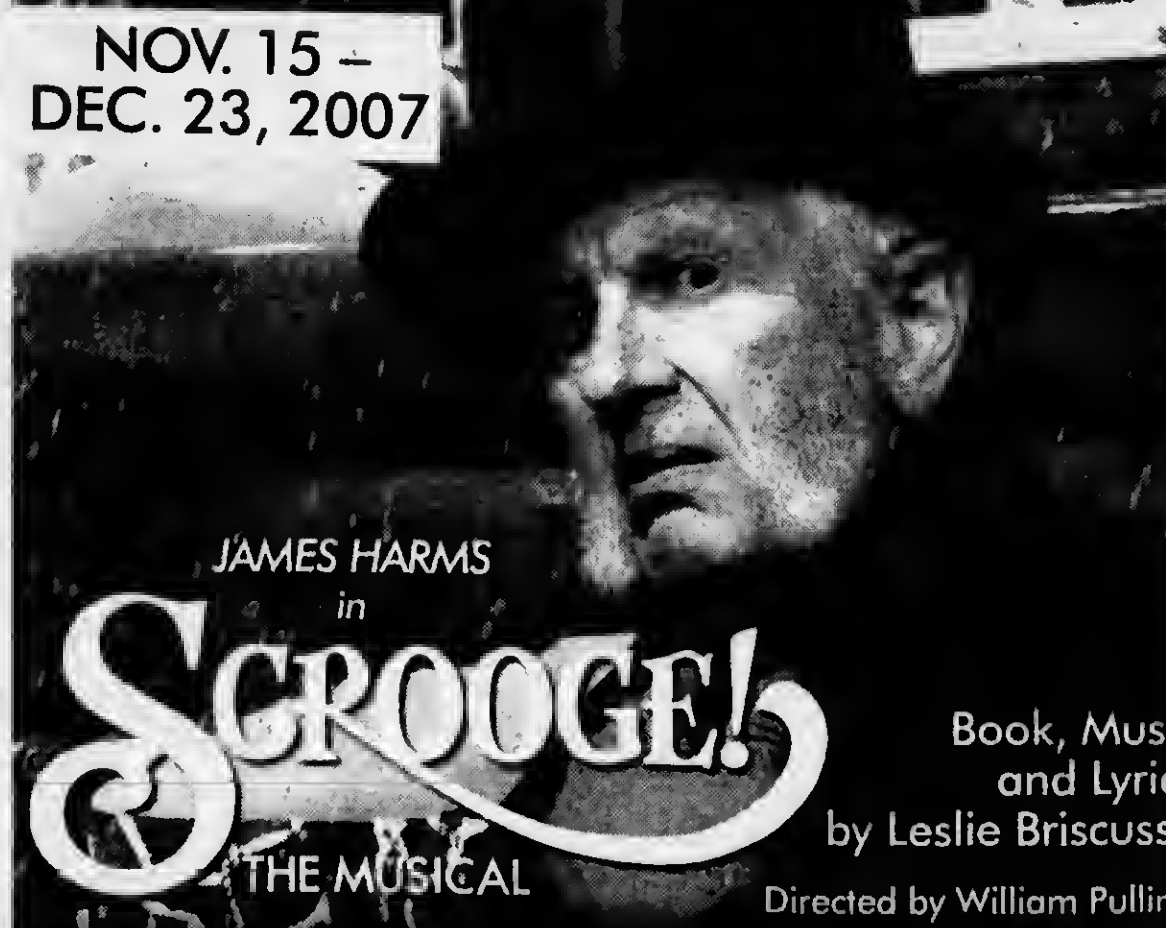
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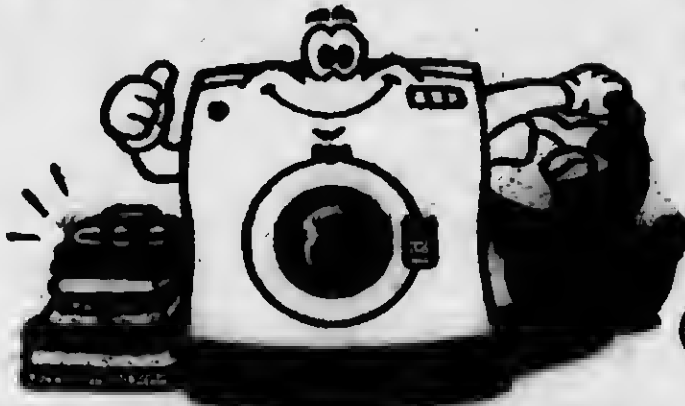
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### Illinois AFL-CIO Endorses Congressman Dan Lipinski

*Labor Organization Cites 'Outstanding Voting Record on Working Family Issues'*

The AFL-CIO, one of Illinois' largest and most effective labor organizations, has once again endorsed Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-3) in his bid for re-election.

Citing Congressman Lipinski's 'outstanding voting record on working family issues,' Illinois AFL-CIO President Michael T. Carrigan said that his statewide organization, which represents more than one million members, will give Lipinski their strong support in the February 5th Democratic Primary.

"The Illinois AFL-CIO is proud to endorse Congressman Dan Lipinski for re-election in the 3rd District," Carrigan said. "This past year Congressman Lipinski voted 100 percent with workers on our core issues including the minimum wage, health care, fair trade, and workers' rights to organize."

"I'm proud to receive this endorsement because my top priority in Congress has been working to create 'an economy that works for all,'" said Lipinski. "Workers must be able to earn a living wage, have access to health care, and have retirement security. Labor organizations such as the AFL-CIO have been instrumental in fighting for what's important to our working families."

One major focus of Congressman Lipinski's legislative agenda to help working families is to make college more affordable. Lipinski helped pass legislation that cut the student loan rate in half and increased the number of grants available to students.

Another part of Lipinski's working families agenda is focused on 'unfair trade policies.'

"If we are going to be serious about restoring economic opportunity and combating stagnant wages, growing job insecurity, eroding health care benefits,

and disappearing pensions, then we have to be serious about ending unfair trade policies that routinely shutter plants at home and ship American jobs overseas," Lipinski said. "I will continue leading the fight to defend and create quality jobs for American workers."

Congressman Daniel Lipinski represents Illinois' Third Congressional District. He is a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure, Science and Technology, and Small Business Committees. He has served in Congress since 2005.

### The Old Farmer's Almanac Announces the First-Ever New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll via Almanac.com

*Winning candidates will win lunch (and breakfast and dinner...) for an elephant or donkey*

The Old Farmer's Almanac has announced plans for the first-ever New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll. Polls open at Almanac.com/strawpoll on January 1 and close at 1 p.m. Eastern Time on January 7—the day before the first presidential primary in the country, which takes place in the Almanac's home state of New Hampshire. Candidates will include all of the major contenders in both the Republican and Democratic parties. The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll is open to everyone in the United States regardless of age or state residency.

One winner from both the Republican and Democratic parties will be selected. Not only will the winning candidates be able to bask in the glory of their victory, but each will also have the following donations made by The Old Farmer's Almanac in their names:

- A day's worth of meals (snacks included!) for a donkey or an elephant (depending on the candidate's party). The lucky animals (who have yet to be chosen) respectively reside at Peaceful Valley Donkey

Rescue in Tehachapi, California ([www.donkeyrescue.org](http://www.donkeyrescue.org)), and The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee ([www.elephants.com](http://www.elephants.com)).

- A copy of The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids, Volume 2, for every child at an elementary school of the candidate's choosing or one in the town they now call home.

"Few things are more American than The Old Farmer's Almanac," says John Pierce, publisher. "We've been around since 1792—since George Washington was in office—and have seen and commented on this great country for over two centuries. Now we're throwing our hat into the polling ring to take the pulse of the American people." The results of The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll will be announced on the afternoon of January 8. Candidates will be notified directly. Animals will be fed and children will learn that bats don't swoop and how to throw a forkball soon after.

### SXU announces Public Administration concentration at Orland Park Campus

*Offered by the School for Continuing and Professional Studies*

Saint Xavier University has approved the addition of the Public Administration concentration to the Professional Studies major, which is offered by the School for Continuing and Professional Studies exclusively at the Orland Park Campus for adult transfer students.

The program will be offered beginning fall 2008 and is designed for candidates who have earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Science (A.S.) or the equivalent. This is an accelerated program

allowing students to complete their area of concentration and six hours in the general education curriculum in as little as 18 months.

Highlights of the program include technology-enhanced instruction, an 18-month accelerated schedule (including breaks), eight-week class sessions (two days per week), instructional material and syllabi provided at the start of the program, academic advising/educational program planning, career counseling workshops/seminars and practical and user friendly assessment with a web portfolio.

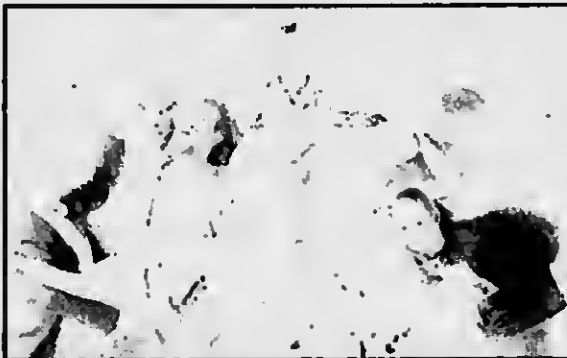
"This program is designed to meet the needs of busy professionals who prefer flexible learning options," said Leslie M. Petty, Ed.D., dean of Saint Xavier University's School for Continuing and Professional Studies and chief campus officer of the Orland Park campus.

For more information about the program, please call (708) 802-6200.

### Village of Orland Park Offices Closed For

Village of Orland Park offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 and Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2007. Offices will also be closed for the New Year's holiday on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2007 and New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

Merry Christmas and Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year from Village View Publications and Staff



The Village of Orland Park Arts Commission will again bring "The Best of Dance Chicago" to the ornate Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School. Reserved tickets are currently available for the January 26 show featuring some of Chicago's best professional dance companies representing a number of genres. For more information, call 708/403-6140. (Photo provided courtesy of Dance Chicago.)

### "The Best of DANCE CHICAGO" Returns To Orland Park

*Village Arts Commission Brings Downtown Show to Sandburg's Performing Arts Center*

World-renowned professional dancers will return to Orland Park when the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission presents "The Best of Dance Chicago" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center, 13100 S. LaGrange Road (US Route 45), in Orland Park.

Representatives from the best dance companies in the Chicago area will perform on Saturday, January 26 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Founded by Fred Solari and John Schmitz, "Dance Chicago" celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2004. "Dance Chicago" has become the most diverse and comprehensive exposition of dance in the history of Chicago and is the only festival of its kind in the nation.

Schmitz, who serves as artistic director and curator for "Dance Chicago," explained, "With each show, we tailor it for what the audience enjoys." Schmitz added, "This is a completely different show than what we presented last year," noting that the Orland Park show will feature a range of genres.

"We are very fortunate to have a number of different genres performing on

January 26," said Orland Park Arts Commissioner Colleen Panega, who is again coordinating the village's dance event. "This is a magnificent collection that will appeal to all ages, from the very young on up to our seniors," she added.

A dance veteran, Panega has taught and performed all types of dance for more than twenty years. She has been teaching dance for the village's Recreation and Parks Department since 1991.

"Students in Carl Sandburg High School's dance group, Orchestras, will share the stage with talent from throughout the world," she noted.

Reserved seating tickets are available at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors/students. The Cashier's Office at the Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park at 708/403-6140.



Etiquette Consultant Bette Schieber will conduct etiquette and social graces workshops for the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department. Tailored for high school students, the programs present lifelong skills for both the social and business settings. For further information, call 708/645-PLAY.

**Orland Park Recreation Department to Offer "Etiquette & Social Graces"**  
Workshops Tailored for High School Students

Parents of high school students looking for the perfect Christmas gift need look no further than the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's winter programs. "What better gift to give your young adult than a workshop on etiquette and

social graces?" asked Independent Etiquette Consultant Bette Schieber, a 21 year resident of Orland Park. "This is a gift that will truly last a lifetime," she added.

Schieber will conduct three Sunday afternoon workshops tailored for high school students, January 27, February 24 and March 16. The workshops will be held at the Orland Park Cultural Arts Center, the former Orland Park Library, at 14760 Park Lane.

Explaining her interest in etiquette, Schieber said, "Several years ago, I was watching a Julia Childs video that I had purchased for my mother. What began as a cooking class for my then eighth grade son and some of his friends turned into an etiquette lesson."

Schieber studied under Sue

Fox, author of "Etiquette for Dummies," and in affiliation with "Etiquette Survival, LLC." A 21 year resident of Orland Park, Mrs. Schieber has served on the village's Arts Commission since its 2001 inception. She is a professional musician and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance from the American Conservatory of Music. In addition to teaching etiquette courses throughout the Chicago area, Mrs. Schieber teaches private piano lessons and accompanies a number of area choirs and vocal students.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Stephanie Simpson oversees recreation programming for teens. "These are wonderful workshops for young adults who will soon face job interviews, college

and university related meetings and for those who simply want to know what to do in social and business settings," Simpson said.

The January 27 business workshop is entitled "Get That Job!" and "Care, Converse and Communicate."

"The communication and business workshop focuses on how to stand out among the competition when applying for a job or an internship," Schieber said. "You have four seconds to make an impression when you meet someone for the first time," she noted. "Participants will learn how to impress hiring managers from the very beginning," she added.

Schieber's social and dining workshop is offered twice, February 24 and March 16. "This workshop is entitled, 'How Do You Do?' and 'Please Be Seated' because it's important for young adults to learn effective and gracious communication," Schieber explained.

"These lifelong skills apply to all situations that young adults will encounter, both socially and professionally," she added.

Schieber has taught throughout the Chicago area and recently held a prototype class at her home. "I hand picked twelve eighth grade girls and sent invitations to their parents explaining my credentials and how I'd like their daughters to be a part of this class," Schieber recalled. "Every one of them responded that they wanted to take part," she added, smiling.

Schieber has presented her program to a number of grammar schools in the Chicago area and conducted a training workshop for the Delta Gamma Sorority at Northwestern University. "This program reinforces

what most parents teach their children throughout their lives," Simpson said. "This will be a refresher for most young adults and will introduce some new concepts to those preparing for college and the business world," she added.

Echoing Simpson's sentiments, Schieber said, "Good manners put people at ease. They impress people and those who are impressed will treat you with respect." She continued, "A foundation of good manners helps to build

self esteem and confidence. Those with good foundations of confidence will enjoy more success in their lives."

Each workshop is limited to twenty four participants. The cost for each is \$23 for residents and \$28 for non-residents. Registration is available at Orland Park's Franklin Loeb Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, and at the Orland Park Sportplex, 11351 West 159th Street. For more information, contact Simpson at 708/645-PLAY.

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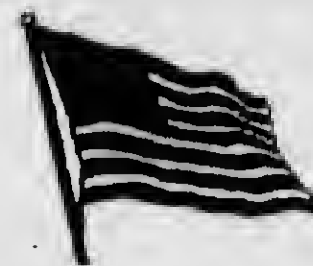
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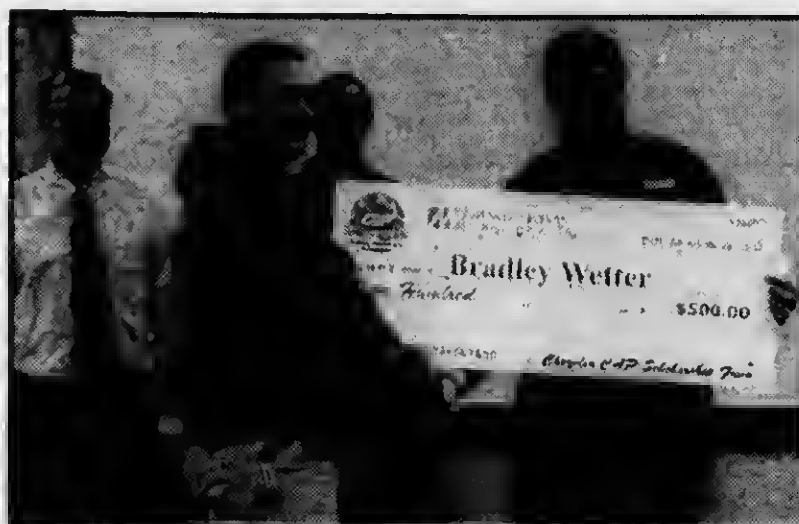
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Kyle Roseman (Jenison, MI) and Bradley Wetter (Schaumburg) each were presented with a \$500 scholarship from Chrysler for their efforts in Moraine Valley's Chrysler College Automotive Program.

### Two Moraine Valley students receive Chrysler CAP Scholarship Awards

Two students enrolled in Moraine Valley Community College's Chrysler College Automotive Program (CAP) received \$500 scholarships from the Chrysler Corporation.

Kyle Roseman (Jenison, MI) and Bradley Wetter (Schaumburg) each were presented with the scholarship from Dave Hummel, Tech Advisor for the Chrysler Corporation, for their outstanding achievements in the CAP program. Both students were recommended by Moraine Valley automotive technology faculty members for their outstanding achievement in the program.

As a Chrysler partner since 1999, Moraine Valley's CAP program ensures that Chrysler customers receive excellent service by providing valuable internship experience and manufacturer-specific training by interning at a Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep dealership while working toward an associate's degree. CAP students earn wages during the internship period and

complete a minimum of 1,280 internship hours over the two-year program.

Chrysler maintains national partnerships with education by screening and selecting educational institutions that meet its standards of academic excellence and quality in automotive training. Moraine Valley is the only CAP school in Illinois and one of only 29 across the country.

For news media inquiries, call Josh Reinhart, public relations generalist, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail [reinhart@morainevalley.edu](mailto:reinhart@morainevalley.edu).

### Chicago Ridge approves water tank work

The village board approved a public works request at the Dec. 4, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting for the water tank to be cleaned and refurbished for \$12,800. This will allow the system to be upgraded, therefore giving the tank additional longevity. The refurbishing is not only expected to thwart rust but also prevent ice build up.

Other highlights: The board approved the following business licenses: True Fades Sports Barber Shop at 5710 W. 111th Street; GSB Tobacco at 6030 W. 111th Street. The Tobacco Shop. The tobacco shop will

be in the bar. However there will be a separate entrance, which is mandated by law.

The Holiday Trolley is in operation on weekends until December 23rd. The free service operates to and from the Chicago Ridge Commons and Westfield Mall on Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30 to 10 p.m. Parking is available at 109th Street and Ridgeland Avenue and 105th Street and Oxford Avenue. Property tax rebate forms for homeowners may be obtained at the municipal building. The completed forms and required documentation need to be submitted by Friday, December 28. The month of December was proclaimed National Drunken and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

### Palos Heights Park District Calendar

#### JUNIOR HIGH MIXER AT PALOS HEIGHTS

Students in sixth through eighth grade are invited to participate in a Junior High Mixer being held at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th St. on Friday, January 11 from 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Pre-registration by January 10 is advised. The cost is \$3.00 per student. Registration received on January 11 is \$5.00 per student. All participants must be registered by parents/guardians in order to attend.

Recreation Department staff will supervise all activities. Music will be provided by a DJ and beverages and snacks will be available for purchase. Children will not be permitted to leave Mixer once they enter the dance unless they are picked up by their parent.

#### TEEN GYM NIGHT AT PALOS

Pre registration through

January 18 is being accepted at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation, 6601 W. 127th St., for Teen Gym Night for youth in fifth through ninth grades being held on Friday, January 25 from 6:00 to 8:30pm.

The cost is \$9 for residents and \$13.50 for all others. Youngsters will play an assortment of sporting activities and games, including dodgeball, whiffle ball, and 3 point shooting contests.

The fee includes a light snack and drink.

#### TODDLERS FIRST "SCHOOL" EXPERIENCE AT PALOS HEIGHTS

Resident registration for two early childhood education programs starts December 17 at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation Department, 6601 W. 127th St., which begin the week of January 21, 2008.

Me Too Play School for children 2-1/2 through 3 year olds will meet on Tuesday and Thursday, January 22 through May 15 from 9:30 to 10:30am daily. The cost is \$212 for residents and \$232 for all others.

This playgroup in which children attend without an adult will focus on socialization skills and independence through songs, crafts, stories, and group activities. Time will also be spent on introductions to letters, numbers, shapes and other preschool subjects. The small class size means more instructor-to-child time and attention in this first "school" experience. While children do not need to be toilet ready for participation in this program, it's important to note that staff will not change diapers.

Morning Adventures is an early childhood education program designed for those youngsters who either turned three years old after the September 1 cut-off date or are not quite ready for preschool. The class meets on Monday and Wednesday, January 21 through May 14 from 9:30 to 11am daily. The cost is \$214 for residents and \$234 for all others.

Children will be

introduced to preschool subjects such as numbers, letters, and shapes, as well as self-help skills and group activities in a fun, yet structured environment. This program is a stepping stone to the Little Learners preschool program.

Non-residents may begin registering December 24. Pre-registration by January 14 or until all spots are filled is required.

#### PALOS HEIGHTS ROMPIN' TOT TIME CURES INDOOR BLUES!

Parents and their little ones ages 12 months through five years old are invited to play at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street, preschool open gym time which meets every Thursday January 10 through April from 9:30 to 11:30am.

The cost payable at the door is \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. Pre-registration is not required.

This is a drop-in program; participants may attend for all two hours or stay only a half hour or hour, depending upon their schedule for that day! No long term commitment required either.

Parents and children can jump, shout, and run to their hearts' content in the gymnasium. Mats, gym toys, and balls will be supplied for this new unstructured playtime. An adult is required to accompany and supervise his/her own child during the program. The Department's babysitting service for \$2 per child is available for siblings too young or too old to attend this open gym time.

The program will not meet on January 24 and March 27.

For more information on these and other children's classes, call Palos Heights Parks & Recreation (708) 361-1807.



Pictured from left to right: Netta Chakos, Peter Buck, VFW Post 177, and Bernadine Reno

### Donation to Homeless Vets

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177 wishes to thank Centennial Lanes, 16050 Centennial Circle, Tinley Park, IL 60477 for the \$738.19 check they received as part of the proceeds from Beat The Champs Charity fund raiser. The V.F.W. State Commander, Richard A. Coombe, Jr., has initiated a special project this year in regards to homeless vets.

One in every four homeless is a veteran. This entire check will be used for homeless veterans just in time for the holidays. Thank you Centennial Lanes for all your support of veterans programs.

Netta Chakos and Bernadine Reno of Centennial Lanes presented check to Peter Buck, VFW Post 177 POW/MIA Chairman.

Merry Christmas and Wishing Everyone a  
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## Moraine Valley offers classes at Evergreen Park High School

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of classes at Evergreen Park High School, 9900 S. Kedzie, during the spring 2008 semester. Classes begin the week of January 22 or 28.

College credit classes will be offered in Speech Fundamentals, Principles of Macro-Economics, Western Humanities I, Orientation to IT Professions, American Literature II, Developmental Math, General Education Mathematics, Introduction to American Music, A Healthy Lifestyle and You, Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Psychology, Life-Span Developmental Psychology, Marriage and Family, and Spanish I.

Registration is underway. Tuition is \$69 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students also can register online at morainevalley.edu.

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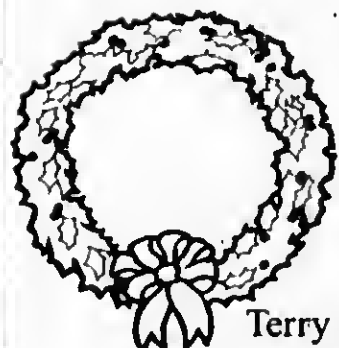
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May Peace, Joy, Hope and  
Happiness be yours during  
this Holiday Season  
and throughout the New Year!



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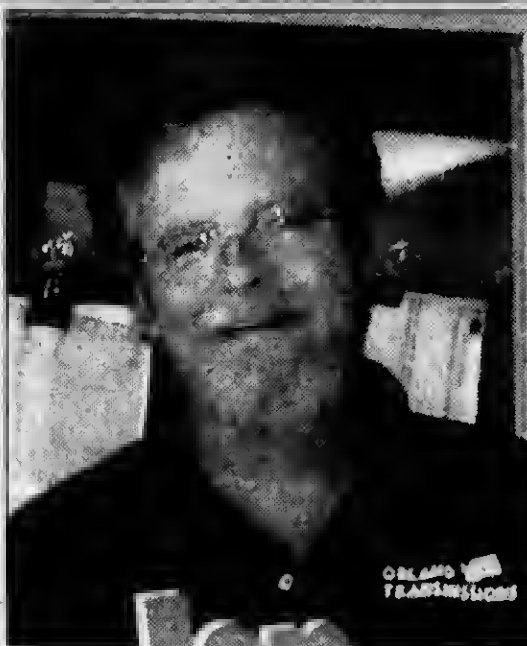
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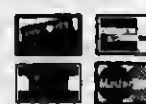
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### Saint Xavier University and Saint Margaret of Scotland School partner for progress

St. Margaret students visit Saint Xavier campus

Saint Xavier University and Saint Margaret of Scotland School enjoy a special relationship. Under the direction of SXU's Catholic Elementary School Initiative funded by Richard H. Driehaus, faculty, staff, and administration of both schools collaborate in a program dedicated to enriching the educational experience.

The initiative includes an expansive list of interactions. Faculty from SXU's Graham School of Business are working with administrators at St. Margaret to review budget and fiscal procedures and to establish strategic plans for marketing and development. Faculty from the SXU's School of Education have been working with St. Margaret of Scotland faculty in a comprehensive program of professional development.

On Nov. 30, 67 St. Margaret fourth and fifth graders enjoyed a field trip focused on health and fitness sponsored by the SXU School of Nursing and the University's athletic facility, the Shannon Center. The students enjoyed working with nursing students and listening to the heartbeat of the electronic mannequin used for simulated practice.

At the Shannon Center, where the games stressed the connection between fitness, healthy eating and the fun of participating in physical activities, SXU students

responded to questions. The field trip also included a tour of the campus so that students saw first hand the excitement and diversity of campus life. Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Leyden said, "Our partnership has opened many doors for our students. The interaction with our students will not be forgotten."

That evening, 200 St. Margaret students and parents attended a family reading night at the school. One parent commented: "It was great for the family to come together and spend time learning new activities to do at home."

Research shows that students who formulate goals for college and careers by junior high school are more successful because they avoid decisions in high school that can complicate furthering their education. The field trips are designed to promote college as a goal and establish relationships between students of both schools.

"A true partnership involves respect for the contributions of both partners," said SXU School of Education Dean Beverly Gully. "The partnership between Saint Xavier University and St. Margaret of Scotland School recognizes that meaningful improvement in education combines the foundation of research and theory with the wisdom of practice. Lessons

learned through the initiative can be applied to other schools and direct pedagogical research. But perhaps the most significant effects of the partnership will be seen in years to come as the faculty and students from both schools use their experiences to chart better lives for themselves and their communities."

### Elvis is Back!

Saturday December 22nd will be Rockin' Christmas show to the sounds of Elvis as Legendary Elvis Tribute Artist BOB WEST takes the stage at The OUTPOST PUB & GRILL 14929 S. Archer Ave in Lockport, IL. Bob will be performing two entirely different shows. There is no cover charge but Reservations are suggested call 1.815.836.8893 Showtime 8:00 P.M.

### The Old Farmer's Almanac Announces the First-Ever New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll via Almanac.com

Winning candidates will win lunch (and breakfast and dinner...) for an elephant or donkey

The Old Farmer's Almanac has announced plans for the first-ever New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll. Polls open at Almanac.com/strawpoll on January 1 and close at 1 p.m. Eastern Time on January 7—the day before the first presidential primary in the country, which takes place in the Almanac's home state of New Hampshire. Candidates will include all of the major contenders in both the Republican and Democratic parties. The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll is open to everyone in the United States regardless of age or state

residency.

One winner from both the Republican and Democratic parties will be selected. Not only will the winning candidates be able to bask in the glory of their victory, but each will also have the following donations made by The Old Farmer's Almanac in their names:

- A day's worth of meals (snacks included!) for a donkey or an elephant (depending on the candidate's party). The lucky animals (who have yet to be chosen!) respectively reside at Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue in Tehachapi, California (www.donkeyrescue.org), and The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee (www.elephants.com).

- A copy of The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids, Volume 2, for every child at an elementary school of the candidate's choosing or one in the town they now call home.

"Few things are more American than The Old Farmer's Almanac," says John Pierce, publisher. "We've been around since 1792—since George Washington was in office—and have seen and commented on this great country for over two centuries. Now we're throwing our hat into the polling ring to take the pulse of the American people." The results of The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll will be announced on the afternoon of January 8. Candidates will be notified directly. Animals will be fed and children will learn that bats don't swoop and how to throw a football soon after.

Merry Christmas and  
Wishing Everyone a  
Happy New Year  
from  
Village View  
Publications and Staff



The Village of Orland Park Arts Commission will again bring "The Best of Dance Chicago" to the ornate Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School. Reserved tickets are currently available for the January 26 show featuring some of Chicago's best professional dance companies representing a number of genres. For more information, call 708/403-6140. (Photo provided courtesy of Dance Chicago.)

### "The Best of DANCE CHICAGO" Returns To Orland Park

Village Arts Commission Brings Downtown Show to Sandburg's Performing Arts Center

World-renowned professional dancers will return to Orland Park when the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission presents "The Best of Dance Chicago" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center, 13100 S. LaGrange Road (US Route 45), in Orland Park.

Representatives from the best dance companies in the Chicago area will perform on Saturday, January 26 beginning at 7:30 P.M. Founded by Fred Solari and John Schmitz, "Dance Chicago" celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2004. "Dance Chicago" has become the most diverse and comprehensive exposition of dance in the history of Chicago and is the only festival of its kind in the nation.

Schmitz, who serves as artistic director and curator for "Dance Chicago," explained, "With each show, we tailor it for what the audience enjoys." Schmitz added, "This is a completely different show than what we presented last year," noting that the Orland Park show will feature a range of genres.

"We are very fortunate to have a number of different genres performing on

January 26," said Orland Park Arts Commissioner Colleen Panega, who is again coordinating the village's dance event. "This is a magnificent collection that will appeal to all ages, from the very young on up to our seniors," she added.

A dance veteran, Panega has taught and performed all types of dance for more than twenty years. She has been teaching dance for the village's Recreation and Parks Department since 1991.

"Students in Carl Sandburg High School's dance group, Orchestis, will share the stage with talent from throughout the world," she noted.

Reserved seating tickets are available at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors/students. The Cashier's Office at the Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park at 708/403-6140.

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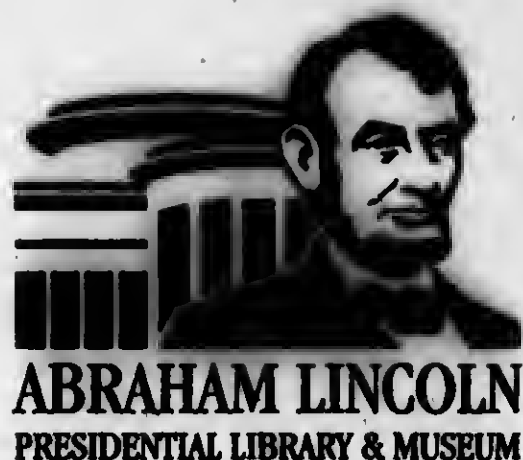
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